



Tring School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you with an update regarding the rescheduled practice and qualifying Duke of Edinburgh expeditions in the autumn term.

At present, DofE guidance does not allow overnight stays on its expeditions. This means that the itineraries will be run with participants returning home overnight:

Training Expedition 12 – 13 September

Day 1 Start 10:00 Tring School

Instructor Led Training Walk back to school.

Tent Pitching & Cooking Evening Meal on School Grounds.

Participants can go home overnight – Collected by Parents 20:00

Day 2 Start 08:00 Tring School

Remotely supervised day walk, carrying full rucksacks

Finish at Ashridge Estate at approx. 4pm

Parents can be telephoned by participants and can collect between 3pm and 4.30pm, to alleviate pressure on the location.

Qualifying Expedition 10 – 11 October

Day 1 Start 10:00 Tring School

Remotely supervised day walk to Campsite (Corner Farm), carrying full rucksacks.

Tent Pitching & Cooking Evening Meal at Corner Farm.

Participants can go home overnight – Collected by Parents 19:30 – 20:00

Day 2 Start 08:00 Corner Farm

Participants returned to the campsite by parents

Remotely supervised day walk, carrying full rucksacks

Finish at Tring School at approx. 4pm

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There is a small chance that an overnight stay will be allowed in October, because there is currently a lot of lobbying happening for DofE to change their guidance. If this is the case then we can easily amend the above itinerary to incorporate the camping at Corner Farm.

Understandably, this may affect whether or not your child wishes to continue with the expeditions for this year. If this is the case, the following options are still available to you:

1. The student can be added to the cohort for next year's practice and qualifying expeditions at no extra cost.
2. A refund of £160 per participant can be made if the student wishes to withdraw from the programme entirely. **This option now has a deadline of Friday 28 August 2020** to give you and your child time to think the decision through.

There is no longer the option to join an open expedition in the autumn term as these are no longer being run due to guidance from the DofE. Please remember that students do have until they are 25 to complete the Award and that they can still sign off their other sections at any point.

If you are happy to continue with the expeditions in their new format, then you do not need to do anything. Please do get in touch if you would like to discuss the changes to the expeditions and we will do our best to help.

Kind Regards

Hannah Jarvis and Alison Moore
D of E Co-ordinators