



**ST ALBAN'S RC HIGH SCHOOL**  
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**Headteacher:** Michael Coady BSc.  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

After the Christmas break, the Duke of Edingburgh (Bronze 16/17) participants will need to undertake the required training for the expedition which will take place in the Summer term 2017. Training will be on a Friday 3.10-4.30pm in D3 on the following dates. It is important that all participants attend the training meetings, so that they are fully prepared for the qualifying expedition.

### **Duke of Edingburgh 2017 Training Schedule**

**Introduction to OS maps** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Navigating using maps** – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Hazards** – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016

**Equipment and rucksack packing** - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**Menu planning** - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**Stove safety and use** - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

**Practice route planning** - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**First aid (External Provider)** - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**Emergency procedures** - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**The Country code / The aim of the expedition** - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

### **Practice and Qualifying Expedition 2017**

The practice expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh will take place on **Thursday 6th and Friday 7th April, 2017**. We will be camping at the Biblins campsite just outside Symonds Yat. Mobile coverage at the site is poor; the website for the site is below together with the telephone number. Biblins – [www.forestry.gov.uk/biblins](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/biblins) (Tel: 01600-890850).

The date of the assessed expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh award will take place on **Thursday 6th and Friday 7th July, 2017**. We will be camping in Chainbridge at the Pont Kemys Campsite. Their telephone number is 01873 880688.

Pupils will need to bring snacks for the walk, food for an evening meal to be prepared after we have set up camp and breakfast/food for the following day. A kit list is also attached to this letter. Any equipment which is borrowed from the school (tents, rucksack, sleeping mats, Trangia) must be returned in good condition.

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There will be several members of staff on the trip, including Dr R Tucker, Mr P Williams and two others. We will be staying at the campsite and meeting pupil's at checkpoints during the walk but there will be periods where pupils are walking in small groups without direct supervision.

The fee to cover both expeditions for the campsite, equipment and travel is **£30**.

Please complete the permission slip attached, together with the completed SV2 Form also attached and return them to me by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Payment should be made via Parent Pay.

Making a payment is easy and simple. PARENTPAY holds an electronic record of your payments to view at a later date. No card details are stored in any part of the system. Please visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com), enter your USERNAME and PASSWORD today.

Please note: If you have previously activated your account and changed your login details the school cannot access this information. Please contact us if you have any problems.

Please note that the SV2 form will cover both practice and qualifying expeditions, if there is any change in the details provided please contact me, so your child's record can be updated.

If there are any issues/problems with any of the arrangements please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully

Dr R Tucker

Dr Richard J Tucker (*Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator*)



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## **Bronze D of E Kit List**

### **Personal clothing:**

- \* Waterproof jacket and trousers
- \* Hat and Gloves
- Walking shoes/boots
- Walking/thick socks
- Lightweight trousers (not jeans)
- Layers: thermal/long shirt
- school
- Fleece
- by school
- Change of clothes for evening

### **Personal Equipment:**

- \* Tent
- \* Sleeping bag and mat
- \* Rucksack (65 Litres)
- \* Karri-mat / Therma-rest
- \* Knife, fork, spoon, mug, bowl (plastic)
- \* Wash kit
- \* Torch
- Drinks bottle/Flask
- Personal first aid/medication
- Notebook and pen
- Log Book & Syllabus

### **Group Equipment:**

- Trangia (cooking stove) –Provided by school
- Fuel –Provided by school
- Matches/lighter - Provided by school
- Rubbish bags- Provided by school
- Tent
- Brillo pad/liquid - Provided by

First Aid kit - Provided



**Please bring a packed lunch for days 1 and 2 and evening meal for Day 1/breakfast for day 2**

We will supply all group equipment, but bring your own if you prefer. Personal items marked \* can also be supplied, just let me know!



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***Please delete as appropriate:***

I DO/DON'T give permission for my SON/DAUGHTER \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in the D of E practice and qualifying expeditions on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 7<sup>th</sup>  
April 2017 and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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