

23 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Bronze Expedition (Inspired Learners)

We are excited to confirm that your child has the opportunity to take part in the **Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award Expedition** this May. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop teamwork, independence, resilience, and practical outdoor skills.

### Expedition Provider

We will be working with **Ridgeline Adventures**, a qualified and experienced Approved Activity Provider (AAP) who will deliver the training, route planning support, and assessment for the expedition. The provider cost for the group is **£1,605** for the programme.

### Number of Participants & Cost Per Student

We currently have **approximately 20 Inspired Programme students** registered to take part.

When the provider cost is divided across the group, and after factoring in additional unavoidable costs, we have calculated the **student contribution** as £40 per pupil. This is approximately £125 **less** than the *cheapest* cost we could find at other schools. Most charge well over £200.

The £40 contribution helps cover:

- A portion of the AAP provider fee
- Minibus/transport and fuel
- Equipment replacement/maintenance
- Licence and administration costs not fully met by bursaries
- Contingency for any last-minute operational costs

We have been able to **reduce the cost significantly** thanks to:

- DofE bursary funding
- In-school support for some licence and staffing costs
- Grouping Inspired students together to share the main provider fee





## Dates & Logistics

The expedition will take place across **three days in May**: Tuesday 5 May (practice), Wednesday 6 May and Thursday 7 May (assessment). The school will provide minibus transport.

## What Students Need

A kit list will be issued shortly; however, basic essentials include:

- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Suitable walking boots
- Sleeping bag and roll mat
- Rucksack (can be borrowed from school if needed)

Tents, navigation and first aid kits will be provided by the school.

## Payment

Please make the £40 contribution via Scopay by **Friday 17 April 2026**.

If your family requires financial assistance, please contact *Headteacher* — we are committed to ensuring that no student misses out due to financial circumstances.

## Consent & Medical Form

A trip consent and medical form will also be sent home. Please return it by **Friday 17 April 2026** so we can finalise numbers and complete the required HCC/Evolve approvals.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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