



## Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze expedition October 2022

### Prior to expedition

As each group has already planned their routes and we are changing their campsite, we have replanned the routes and route cards for them. Each group will be given time to review, edit and familiarise their route and route plans. This is likely to be during registration times with staff support. In addition, I am available at lunchtimes to help.

If students wish to borrow a rucksack, waterproof trousers, and trial one of our coats they will need to come to New Building 3 to collect these before the 14<sup>th</sup>. Obviously, these are on loan, and we expect them to be returned- clean and empty!

### Thursday- Friday 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October Expedition assessment

Arrive in school with kit as advised. They must be registered by the D of E Team by 8.30 am. Once they have been issued with any remaining kit e.g., tents, Trangias, evening meal pack, they will have a pre-expedition check by one of the D of E trainers. They will then be formally briefed by their assessor. Then they will walk to the Scout's site in St Ouen. They must follow the route planned, keeping to time and meeting with staff at designated checkpoints. Once at the Scout's site, they will need to set up camp, cook and eat a hot meal and stay overnight. In the morning, after an assessed check, they will then walk back to school where the assessor will debrief them and confirm whether they have passed or not. This will then follow a kit return and well-being check before being allowed to go home. This could be as early as 2.30 but depends on the navigation and organisation of the group.

Please ensure your contact details are correct in case of illness. We reserve the right to remove any student who is putting other students at risk.

### Reminder of minimum kit to bring:

Waterproof coat and possibly trousers (*check weather forecast*)  
Sleeping bag  
Roll mat  
Cup  
Bowl  
Cutlery  
2 water bottles which can be refilled enroute at checkpoints  
Wash kit/wipes  
Personal medication/first aid kit. Each group will have a school first aid kit.  
Torch

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Hat

Mini towel

Fleece for the evening (*check weather forecast*)

Spare T shirt shorts for sleeping

At least 2 pairs of thin socks

Snacks, breakfast, 2 lunches and dinner (hot meal pack provided by school) Remember we are only using the Trangias for heating hot water not cooking food from scratch.

Abrasive cleaning cloth for Trangias and matches

Playing cards (?)

School will provide tent, first aid kit, possibly a camera, Trangia and gas.

Phones will be taken from the students before the walk and put in a secure location at school. A fully charged phone will be put in a sealed envelope for use by the group in the event of an emergency.

The phones will be returned when the groups have been checked by their assessor.

Any issues or further questions please email me: [m.blackmore@vcj.sch.je](mailto:m.blackmore@vcj.sch.je)

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