



Church of England School
Head of School: Mrs N J Adamson MA NPQH

16th May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Duke Of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Feedback

First of all I would like to say a big thank you for the support that you have given to the students over the weekend. I must reiterate my apologies for the delayed start on Saturday morning, especially to those in Wendover Woods. Congratulations to all the students who took part this weekend; both myself and the Wilderness team were incredibly impressed by their perseverance and dedication. I think it is safe to say that all groups have learnt a lot and this will aid in the planning of the qualifying expedition.

In addition we have also been complimented by another school for our behaviour at the campsite so once again well done everyone!

Kit Return Date

Students have just under a month now until their qualifying expedition. They must ensure to look after the kit they were given until the expedition; it will be collected on **Wednesday 12th June**. However, if the students are left with their ziplock wallet bag containing the first aid kit, route cards, compasses, burner phone(s) and maps please would they return these **as soon as possible**.

Route Planning and Feedback Sessions

In order for the students to complete their qualifying assessment they must plan their routes. For this reason, I will be holding three route planning sessions as detailed below:

Group 1 and 2:	Monday 20 th May	3.15 - 4.14pm
Group 3 and 4:	Wednesday 22 nd May	3.15 - 4.15pm
Groups 5, 6 and 7:	Thursday 23 rd May	3.30 - 4.30pm

These sessions will give us the chance to plan in more detail and I will give each group some personalised feedback regarding their packing, route and menu planning, as well as their success on the route itself.

Remote Supervision

I would just like to remind all parents that as stated in the parent briefing, whilst the practice expedition is direct supervision, the qualifying expedition is not.

Each group will be monitored by their Wilderness instructor and the Bishop Ramsey staff team but will not be walking with an adult at all times.



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The Qualifying Expedition Saturday 8th – Sunday 9th June

As in the practice expedition, students will be dropped off in three different locations.

Students are expected to make their own way to the drop off points and I would encourage car sharing where possible. If you are aware that your son/daughter will not be able to get to the start point or be able to be picked up from the end location, please would you notify myself prior to the weekend.

The campsite students will be staying at overnight is Paccar Campsite, Denham Lane, Chalfont St Peter SL9 0QJ.

Below please find the drop off and collection points.

Drop off and collection points

GROUP NUMBER	START POINT SATURDAY 8 th June	PICK UP SUNDAY 9 th June from 3.00pm onwards
1 – Arrive 9.00am	TESCO CAR PARK AMERSHAM	BAYHURST WOOD COUNTRY PARK
2 – Arrive 9.30am	TESCO CAR PARK AMERSHAM	BAYHURST WOOD COUNTRY PARK
3– Arrive 9.00am	BURNHAM BEECHES NATURE RESERVE CAR PARK	WINCHMORE HILL COMMON
4 – Arrive 9.30am	BURNHAM BEECHES NATURE RESERVE CAR PARK	WINCHMORE HILL COMMON
5 – Arrive 9.00am	WINCHMORE HILL COMMON	BURNHAM BEECHES NATURE RESERVE CAR PARK
6 – Arrive 9.30am	WINCHMORE HILL COMMON	BURNHAM BEECHES NATURE RESERVE CAR PARK
7 – Arrive 9.30am	WINCHMORE HILL COMMON	BURNHAM BEECHES NATURE RESERVE CAR PARK

- **Burnham Beeches by car**
From the M4 (junction 6) follow the A355 north or from the M40 (junction 2) follow the A355 south until you reach Farnham Common. At Farnham Common, turn down Beeches Road. Drive to the end of this road and at the junction go straight ahead into Lord Mayors Drive. Parking is available in several large bays on your left. **Please note this is a pay and display car park.**
There is no postcode for the Main Common and visitor facilities area but the closest is **SL2 3PS** - this will get you to the site entrance.
- **Tesco's Car Park Amersham** - London Road West, Amersham, Buckinghamshire HP7 0HA
- **Bayhurst Wood Country Park** – Breakspear Road North, Harefield, UB96LZ
- **Winchmore Hill Common** - Fagnall Lane, Winchmore Hill HP7 0PH (This will take you to the Plough Pub, there are areas to park around the green). **Please do not park on the Green/Common.**

Students should bring with them any required medication; asthma inhalers, epipens, etc.

Naturally, we expect a high standard of behaviour from all students on school trips. The school reserves the right to exclude students from a trip if their behaviour does not meet with the standards we expect on a day to day basis in school. If your son/daughter's behaviour in school is not acceptable, he/she may be withdrawn from the trip and any monies already paid will not be refunded. Please also note that if a students' behaviour is unacceptable during the trip they will be restricted by staff and lose free time. In exceptional circumstances, parents may be asked to collect their son/daughter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions regarding the qualifying expedition at abishop@bishopramsey.school

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AMBishop". The letters are cursive and connected.

Mrs A Bishop
Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator