



Church of England School
Executive Head and CEO: Mr A J Wilcock MA (Cantab)

22nd July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 12 DofE

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, your child's Silver DofE expedition had to be cancelled. We are planning to run a catch up expedition for any student who is returning to Bishop Ramsey for Sixth Form. In order to keep the practice and assessment expedition within the DofE award expedition season and minimise impact to their A-level studies, these will be held in the first half term of the 2021-22 academic year. If your child wishes to participate in this expedition they must express this by completing the following Microsoft form as soon as possible, but no later than 3rd September 2021.

<https://forms.office.com/r/JsYBPLpVMC>

Proposed dates for DofE Silver expedition:

Event	Date	Venue
Training and Route Planning (1 Day)	Saturday 18 th September	Bishop Ramsey School
Practice Expedition (2 Days & 2 Nights)	Friday 1 st – Sunday 3 rd October	Chiltern Hills
Assessment Expedition (3 Days & 2 Nights)	Friday 15 th – Sunday 17 th October	Surrey Hills

Practice Expedition

Students will travel to the campsite from one of 3 start points. They will be dropped to these start points via a school minibus, but must be in school ready to begin the day by 8.30am. They will need to be collected from one of the pick-up points between 4.30pm and 6.00pm. The collection times will depend on the route they will be walking and if the students are able to keep to time. While all collection times are therefore approximate, more accurate times and specific locations will be made available closer to the time of the expedition.

Assessment Expedition

For day one of the assessment expedition (Friday 15th Oct) students will need to arrive at one of the drop off points listed below between 8.30 and 9.30am. They will also need to be collected from one of the designated drop points between 4.30 and 6.00pm on the final day (Sunday 17th Oct). More accurate times and locations will be available closer to the date of the expedition.

Cost and Payments

Due to the change in arrangements for the expedition, we have had to arrange for the expedition to be facilitated by Wilderness Expertise Ltd. As such the cost of the expedition has had to increase in comparison to the previous price.



The cost of this set of expeditions has been calculated to £220. This can be made in 2 instalments of £110. The first instalment is to be paid by Friday 18th September and the second payment by Monday 18th October.

ParentPay will only open for this item once the application process has been finalised.

A parents briefing will be held before the date of the practice expedition. Should your child wish to continue with their Duke of Edinburgh award, this will give the opportunity to receive additional information and ask any questions or queries.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email mwinn@bishopramsey.school.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M Winn', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr M Winn
DofE Co-ordinator