



MD/HB - September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

## **Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold and Silver Practice Weekend**

As you are aware, your child is taking part in the DofE scheme this year. Unfortunately, due to weather conditions there is a 'closed season' for expeditions over the winter months which means we must squeeze in our first practice expedition before we get to November. As such I would like to invite your child to take part in the practice weekend from:

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

We will depart from Wales High School at approximately 3.30 pm on Friday, and as such your child will need to attend school in uniform as normal before getting changed and meeting in Blue Seating at the end of the day. I will be able to provide a safe storage place for students' possessions should they require it. Participants will spend the weekend walking (and camping) in the Dark Peak area under the supervision of our staff.

Students will be expected to wear suitable clothing and carry all necessary expedition equipment as per previous levels of the award. If you are unsure about what to bring, please speak to Mr Day in school or alternatively visit the DofE website and download an expedition check list. Candidates should provide meals for the expedition according to their own tastes and these must be sufficient to last for the full duration of the trip.

We anticipate returning to school at around 5.00pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October, although the exact time cannot be given, as this will depend on the walking speed of the students. All participants will be given the opportunity to phone home once we have set off in order to give a better idea of our arrival time.

Could I finally ask that the **attached medical consent form is completed** as this is essential for your son/daughter to be able to participate in the walk.

**Please ensure completed forms are returned to Mr Day (in the Science Department) by the end of morning break on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019.**

As usual, please contact me by email on [md@waleshigh.com](mailto:md@waleshigh.com) if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

*M Day*

*D Murray*

**Mr M Day**  
Award Co-ordinator

**Mr D Murray**  
Expedition Leader

\* Please be aware that this venture takes place, in whole or in part, outside of normal school hours. Should a genuine emergency arise and you need to contact us out of school hours, please ring the mobile number below, which will enable you to speak with Mrs Taylor – our school's Educational Visits Co-ordinator.

**M. 07920 161399**



## Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Medical Consent Form

### Personal Details

Name of Candidate

Level of Award (circle one)

Bronze / Silver / Gold

Home Address

Date of Birth

Telephone No.

### Emergency Contact

Name(s)

Telephone No.

### Medical Conditions

(Please let me know if your child has any medical condition(s) that we need to be aware of e.g. allergies, disability, seasonal conditions, flu etc., that may affect their ability to participate in this activity)

### Consent

I consent to my child taking part in this Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition.

Signed:.....(Parent/Guardian) Date:.....

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