

18 May 2022

Dear Year 10 parents and carers

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award Weekend Expedition Details**

We have arranged for students to complete the Expedition Criteria for their DoE award in the Surrey Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty around Gomshall on **Friday 8 July & Saturday 9 July 2022**. Having worked hard in recent months to plan and prepare for the weekend, we feel they have the skills and are mentally prepared to undertake this challenge.

The weekend will be spent walking a route of approximately 30km, camping at Walliswood Village Hall, south of Ewhurst. Their aim is to complete their routes accurately and safely within their calculated time scale, whilst working towards a “purpose” that the students will put together as a presentation on completion. As before the students’ awareness of the Country Code and countryside etiquette in relation to land owners and livestock will be monitored.

Please complete [this CONSENT form](#) providing us with important information about your young person for the expedition.

**Students need to carry full kit** and will need to pack to a minimum whilst keeping options to cover the variable weather at that time of year. We ask students to wear appropriate outdoor clothes, with waterproofs being forecast dependant. Reasonable footwear is essential but on this terrain for this distance, trainers should be fine (if students already own walking / hiking boots or walking trainers these would be better). Any kit that students don’t own can of course be borrowed from school; please just get in touch to discuss.

**A mobile phone will be useful on the day** for emergency purposes and to check in with staff during the hike.

Our [Expedition Kit List](#) can be downloaded from our website.

**We will meet at 8:20 at Redhill Station**, (train departs 08:51) on the Friday morning. We will get the return train on the Saturday at around 3pm. Please meet your young person at Redhill Station, but be prepared to be flexible as we could be earlier or later depending upon walking speeds and getting lost! We will ask students to message parents if our expected return time changes.

**I will be holding a Drop-In Session** during the early part of June (date to be confirmed) where you will be able to pop in to ask me any questions you may have. Alternatively, please do contact me on [gchase@carringtonschool.org](mailto:gchase@carringtonschool.org).

Best wishes  
Mr G Chase  
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