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Dear Parents/Carers

Your child will be travelling to Wales for the Gold Duke of Edinburgh practice on Monday 14 July at 6am – meeting at the minibus by the sports hall and returning on Thursday 17 July 2025 at 8pm.

Base camp is located here:

Newcourt Farm Campsite, Felindre, Three Cocks, Brecon LD3 0SS Phone: 01497 847285
or Email: info@newcourt-campsite.co.uk

The mobile phone number to reach in emergencies is: 07871577028

Students will not have access to their phones from Monday 14 July until the end of the practice expedition on Thursday 17 July at, approximately 8pm.

Students will need to bring enough food for Monday - Thursday and money so they are able to purchase food if necessary from either the service stations or from those running the expedition.

Students will need to have a second bag that they can put their belongings into, that they are not taking with them on the expedition. Clothing for the last day can then be stored in these bags so they can return in dry clothes.

Students will be provided with the below:

- Tents
- Cooking equipment
- Group First Aid
- Roll mats
- Gas
- Rucksack
- Emergency group shelter

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Students will need to bring with them the below:

- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Walking boots/shoes ideally goretex or equivalent
- Food
- Sleeping bag
- Blister plasters
- Other clothing

Please ensure that you have gone through the DofE guide for Kit using the link below:

https://www.dofe.org/shop/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/DofE_Expedition_KitList_January_2025.pdf

he Duke of Edinburgh Gold assessment expedition in Snowdonia will be in September and final details including the base camp address will be sent next term.

The total cost of the practice and assessment expedition is £600 and can be paid through ParentPay, please email me Mrs Young for log in details – jyoung@birchwoodhigh.org.uk.

Please pay a minimum of £300 by **Saturday 31 May 2025** and the remaining balance by **Friday 11 July 2025**.

Kind regards

Mr R Loveday & Miss Lalonge

D of E Award Co-ordinators

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