



St. Richard's Catholic College

A National Teaching School, a National Support School and a High Performing Specialist Science College



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24th May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

We are nearly at the end of the expedition section of the Award and your son/daughter will be completing their full assessed expedition on the weekend of **June 24th/25th**. The expedition routes will pass through the downland area south of Plumpton. The camp on Saturday night will be at Plumpton Agricultural College. The cost for the assessed expedition will be £12 per participant which will cover the campsite, assessor's fees and cooking gas.

The kit required for the expedition is the same as that used on the practice expedition in May although it could be considerably hotter, in which case items such as sun cream will be required. A Waterproof jacket and trousers will still need to be carried.

On Friday, 23rd June everyone must bring their fully packed rucksack. We will meet after school from 15:15 – 17:00 to do a pre-expedition kit check and meet the assessors. At this point, teams will also receive their tents, stoves, fuel, maps and compasses which they will need to pack into their rucksacks. The rucksacks will be left in school overnight. Any kit that is missing or forgotten on Friday can be brought in the morning.

Outline Itinerary:

Saturday, 24th June

- 07.30** Meet at St Richard's for a briefing and final preparations.
- 08.30** Depart in minibuses. Groups will be dropped off at their respective start points
- 09.30 to 10.00** Groups begin their expedition to reach Plumpton Agricultural College in the afternoon.

Sunday, 25th June

- 07.00** Wake up, cook breakfast, review routes for day 2 and pack up camp.
- 09.00** Depart campsite to complete the second day.

As each team will finish at different times and in different places, it is not possible to give a precise time for arrival back at St Richard's although I expect it to be around 5.00pm. Your son/daughter should call you once they finish on Sunday to arrange a pick up time. Mobile phones will be left with us during the expedition and then collected at the end so they can do this.

Please can you fill in the parental consent form below and return it to the Finance Office with a cheque for £12 by Wednesday, 7th June.

Finally, thank you for all you have done this year to support your son/daughter. We wish them all the best as they embark on their qualifying expedition and hope they enjoy the experience! Please encourage them to complete the other three sections of their Award so that they can receive their final certificates.

Yours sincerely

Mr Harwood (DofE Coordinator)

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Assessed DofE Expedition Consent Form - Please return to the Finance Office by Wednesday, 7th June

Pupil's Name: Form:

I have read the above and I would like my son/daughter to attend the assessed expedition on **Saturday, 24th and Sunday, 25th June 2017**. I enclose a cheque for £12 to cover the costs of the expedition.

Signed: (Parent/Carer) Date:

