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Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice Expedition (Bronze) to Littledale & Ingleton

Dear Parents of Year 9,

I am pleased to invite your child to take part in a two-day expedition on Wed 19th-Thurs 20th March. This is an opportunity to develop skills of expedition planning and navigation prior to the Duke of Edinburgh assessed camp in June. Places are limited, and initially invited are those who missed the Langdale Expedition, and pupils who need some support with their expedition training. An early return of permission slips is encouraged, as places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Due to the possibility of harsh weather, we have booked the bunk barn accommodation at the Scout Centre, which is heated, with self-catering kitchens, hot showers, toilets and indoor facilities. The charge will be £25 for the two days, including accommodation and transport, evening meal and breakfast, and this will be added to the next fee invoice.

On the first day, groups are going to be undertaking a navigation training exercise with their leaders in the Littledale and Lune Valley region. On Day 2, we hope to carry out a group hike near Ingleton, the route taken depending on the weather. This area is one of outstanding beauty and includes the famous Ingleborough peak and Ingleton waterfall walk. Some of the potential routes are on private footpaths which levy a toll. I suggest that £5 in coins would be sufficient to pay the tolls and to buy a refreshment at some point. On the Wednesday evening, there will be instruction in Route Planning.

The aim of the two days is to bring the pupils up to the standard needed to take part in the assessed expedition next term, and to find and train some leaders among the pupils themselves for the task of planning their routes. Participants will need to bring a sleeping bag, a ruck sack and lunch snacks for the two days. Whatever they pack, they will be carrying to the camp on Day 1, so packed bags should be no more than 12Kg in mass. More information will be given to pupils at a later date.

Yours faithfully,

Ken Sullivan ,
Head of Middle School

Please detach and return to Mr Sullivan:

I give permission for to attend the **Littledale Expedition**.
I agree to the charging of £25 to the next school bill. Any relevant medical conditions are listed and explained overleaf.

Signed..... Date.....