

Get Outside the Classroom
The Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions
Cheshire

12 June 2017

Dear Parent / Guardian

Your child is working towards achieving their Duke of Edinburgh's Award with **Lymm High School** and as such is due to attend a **Silver Training Expedition** on **Fri 23rd – Sun 25th June**.

This expedition will take place in the **Peak District**, meeting at **8.15am** at the front of **School**. The coach will depart promptly at **8:30am** and head to Mam Tor. The staff accompanying the trip will be: Miss Wilson (trip leader), Mr Spencer and Miss Bowdery. On their last day, we anticipate that most participants will finish in afternoon somewhere between **14:00 and 15:00** at **Hayfields Visitor Centre** before returning to school via coach. We will ask students to phone home as we are leaving to indicate what time we will arrive back at school, but this is dependent on how quick the groups walk, how long they stop for lunch etc.

If you wish to borrow rucksack, sleeping mat, water proof jacket or waterproof trousers, please make sure Mrs Hill (School Shop) is aware via email (shill@lymmhigh.org.uk) no later than Wed 21st June – Mark will bring these items when we meet him in the Peak District. If you are borrowing a rucksack, please bring items in another bag to transfer over (the other bag can be left in the minibus during the expedition). It should take no more than 10 minutes to transfer your things from another bag. We will be lending stoves, tents and fuel bottles as a given and students do not need to request these.

Get Outside the Classroom staff will be walking directly with groups on the first day with a focus on teaching navigation and they will plan routes at the start. They are likely to start their second day again under direct supervision but as confidence and skills progress, staff will withdraw. Supervision will then become more remote with staff either monitoring via a series of checkpoints or by trailing them. This of course depends on the participants themselves as well as other factors such as the weather.

The aim of the weekend is to prepare the participants for their Qualifying Expedition on 7th – 9th July. A Participant/Expedition Handbook is available on the school website as well as a number of other documents relating to DofE and we would recommend parents also read the document prior to any participation in expeditions.

The Chester number listed at the top of this letter is available at the time of the expeditions and will divert to a member of the team in the field should you need to contact your child in an emergency.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards,



Mark Harnden
Director

