




# Kingsmead School

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## Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to confirm that the dates have been finalised for the rescheduled qualifying expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. The date of the expedition will now be the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The expedition will follow the same format as the original one scheduled for June this year. Students will be completing the expedition over Cannock Chase. They will start at school, walk to the campsite at Beau Desert, then return to school the following day.

I will provide a letter with timings for the expedition in the first week of the new term in September, together with providing new medical and consent forms and options for meals. The requirement for medical declarations is that they are made within 4 weeks of the expedition, as such I cannot send these to you yet. We are now using electronic forms through Microsoft, so these will be provided at the start of the new school year through MCAS and Satchel:One

### Providing Evidence of Activities

When the Duke of Edinburgh award was first pitched to students, I was very clear that participation in the expedition was contingent on strong progress being made towards the completion of the physical, skill and volunteering elements of the Award. Unfortunately, there are still some students who have not recorded any evidence in these areas. I re-iterated this and demonstrated to students how to record evidence in the enrichment sessions we've had over the year, both on a PC and through the DofE app. If your child has lost their log in details, they need to come and see me before the end of the school year so that I can confirm them. As such, students who have still not recorded evidence when we return in September will not take part in the expedition, they will instead be held back to the next one with the year below in June 2025

### Payment of Outstanding Balance

When your child originally signed up to the award, we notified you that the cost of the whole DofE scheme would be £100. We asked that you made an initial deposit of £30 with the rest to be paid before 28<sup>th</sup> February. Should any balance still be outstanding, we would ask that this is paid as soon as possible. If you have any further enquiries regarding the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



Mr. Taylor



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