



WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parents/Carers

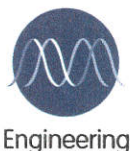
With a number of students taking the D of E Gold Award, we are in a position to be able to organise, with an Approved Activity Provider, our own Gold practice and assessment expeditions. Having met with the students concerned, we have coordinated dates and locations that all students are happy with and which are convenient to all involved.



The Practice dates are Monday 10th April through to Saturday 15th April 2017 in the Peak District based in Hope Valley. This is over six days with days 1 and 2 being the build up and preparation and four days (3 nights) out on expedition.



The Expedition dates are Thursday 20th July through to Tuesday 25th July 2017 in the Lake District. This includes a day to travel at either end of the dates and the assessment expedition of 4 days walking with 3 nights out. The final night will be based at Bays Brown campsite at an additional charge of £5 cash per student.



The Approved Activity Provider is Adventure Expeditions who are based in Hathersage. They are experienced providers and recognised by the D of E Head Office in Windsor. All Adventure Expedition instructors working with the students hold a minimum of Mountain Leader qualification (with a great deal of instructors being Mountaineering Instructors and International Mountain Leaders as well). All instructors hold current enhanced CRB/DBS checks.

The total cost for the Expedition section of the award is £560.00 per participant and includes transport, hire of group equipment, training, staff, insurance and administration. The participants are to provide their own personal equipment. The breakdown for payments are as follows:

- Non returnable deposit: £80.00 per person no later than Friday 6th January 2017;
- Interim Payment: £180.00 per person by Friday by Friday 3rd March 2017;
- Final Balance: £300.00 per person by Friday 16th June 2017.

The staff involved in accompanying the students are as follows: Mrs Ali Tompkins (WHSG D of E Coordinator, BEL, Outdoor First Aid and MiDAS Minibus) and Mr Steve Tompkins (MiDAS and First Aid). Mr Tompkins is a local head teacher who is very familiar with running and accompanying school trips.

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The next stage is for students to commit to the expedition dates and locations by making a non-refundable deposit of £80.00 on ParentPay by Friday 6th January 2017 (or earlier if possible). Once payment has been made, we can confirm the dates with Adventure Expeditions. Should there be more than 20 interested students, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis with a waiting list if necessary.

I know that the students are very excited already about the prospect of completing their Gold Expedition at this time. Should you have any queries about this expedition please would you contact me via email, but there will also be a meeting in school for all parents and participants nearer the Easter holidays in order for you to meet the accompanying staff and ask any final questions.

Many thanks for your support at this stage.

Yours sincerely



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