



17 September 2021

Dear Parents and Year 10 Bronze Students

Re: Year 10 Bronze Training, Practice and Qualifying

Summary

The compulsory Expedition training, which included basic first aid and camp craft skills took place in March and April 2021 and participants may have also completed day walks where we practiced some map reading skills and navigation. With the essential training completed, we will start practice expeditions this Autumn, followed by a qualifying expedition in the May 2022.

Please see the attached page for forthcoming dates and send your son/daughter's availability back to the email address below.

Practice Expedition 2 days in North Dorset	30 September and 1 October 2021	Note: It would be useful if we split the participants fairly evenly between the two expedition weekends, friendships and teams being considered. Minimum number 4, maximum 7 in a team.
	2 and 3 October 2021	
Qualifying Expedition 2 days in the Quantocks	23 and 24 April 2022	
30 April and 1 May 2022		

Equipment

Tents will be supplied for all expeditions. You can use your own but consider the size and weight. No one individual will carry the whole tent.

Trangia Stoves will be supplied to each team with fuel. These are recommended stoves for school groups.

A list of the essential and recommended equipment is available on the college website.

A sturdy water bottle - minimum 1 litre.

Rucksacks

We have available to loan - 65 litre rucksacks suitable to school groups and suitable for those with a small frame. You can use your own, and 65 litres is sufficient for all levels of the award. Rucksacks are not waterproof so sturdy waterproof bags are needed to protect kit.

Note: Full expedition equipment must be brought by each student. The participant may not be able to begin the expedition if the essential equipment is not brought. This is for safety. An equipment list can be found on the College web page under students, extra-curricular.



Footwear

These should be sturdy boots, not slip-ons or trainers. A suggestion is to purchase sturdy boots around Christmas so as not be caught out by the inevitable growth of feet for this age group!



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Expedition Food

This was discussed on the training days. It is recommended 3000 – 5000 kcal per day per person. Each participant would need sandwiches or equivalent for 2 days, a substantial, hot evening meal, breakfast (not cooked) and plenty of snacks not just sweets! For safety no raw meats, bacon or fish for the evening meal. A bag to keep all the rubbish for later disposal.

Costs for practice and qualifying expeditions:

Expeditions – campsite fees, fuel for stoves, supporting minibuses, school insurance –

Practice £20

Qualifying £30 – previously paid with registration

Total Cost is £20.00. Please pay using Parent Pay. We will require payment before the first practice camp in September. Pay point letters are available upon request. Please contact the Finance Team on 01373 469006 with any payment queries.

Should you be concerned by the costs, please contact me to discuss. DofE is open to everyone and there are grants and bursaries available to cover costs for those Pupil Premium students.

Travel

Due to such a large number of students signing up to complete the Bronze award travelling to the walks we are asking for help. The college has only two minibuses which limit numbers.

For these practices parents please can you transport your son/daughter to the start/finish point at Winn Green, south of Shaftesbury (SP7 0ES). You can of course organise car share amongst yourselves but we cannot do this. Timings will follow when numbers are confirmed. Note: For those selecting the first camp, (30 Sept) there will be a limited number of places for students where parents have other important commitments.

I would be grateful for your response by 20 September to allow time for planning and to finalise the campsite booking.

Yours sincerely



Sue Bailey

Outdoor Education Coordinator (DofE and CCF (Royal Navy): Sue Bailey

Email: sbailey@fromecollege.org

Students name:

Year 10 Practice and qualifying expeditions 2021 – 2022.

Please could you complete the table below and indicate when your son/daughter is available and confirm their friendships &/or teams and return to: sbailey@fromecollege.org by **20 September 2021.**

Student's name

Activity	Dates	Availability	Availability	Available for both
Practice walks -	completed	NA	NA	NA
	completed			
Expedition training -	completed	NA	NA	NA
	completed			
Practice expedition – 2 days- N Dorset	30 September & 1 October			
	2 & 3 October			
Qualifying expedition – 2 days -Quantocks	23 & 24 April			
	30 April & 1 May			

Note: it would be useful if we can split the participants fairly evenly between the 2 expedition weekends, friendships and teams being considered. Minimum number 4, maximum 7 in a team.

Preferred people in group: max of 2 people who can come on same expedition as you!	Or Preferred group: if you have up to 6 other people, list here

Note: priority will be given to those who have completed at least one section or more of the Bronze award

Appendix II

FROME COLLEGE PARENTAL CONSENT FORM - Year 10

Please return this form no later than Friday 20 September 2021

(Please return this form to Sue Bailey at sbailey@fromecollege.org or a hard copy to Student Services).

Subject: Joining the Duke of Edinburgh’s award Scheme or continuing

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme. I understand that students are responsible for arranging their own volunteering, skill, and physical section activities. The school can only be responsible for activities run by the school and cannot accept responsibility for activities provided by other organisations.

I Parent/Carer of Tutor Group.....

Have read and fully understood and am satisfied with the details supplied about the above-mentioned activity and agree to my son/daughter taking part in it. I know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate. A completed medical form is also required before the student can take part in activities run by DofE. (On the school website under students> extra-curricular activity)

I am aware that photographs of activities may be taken and used for publicity and promotion of the group. Links to selected DofE photographs may be shared within the group. Some may be used in college publications.

Occasionally we will send out a list of this Bronze group’s students by email re events. This is to ensure no one has been missed and to confirm teams. If you do not wish your son/daughter to be listed, please indicate here. I do/do not wish my son/daughter to be listed. (delete as appropriate).

I AM AWARE THAT:

- a) Except for visits abroad insurance arrangements are the same as for pupils in school, ie. That the Authority only provides cover against proven negligence by the Authority and its employees.
- b) I should consider making my own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for my son/daughter for school activities in the UK.

Signature Parent/Carer	Date
Contact name:	Contact Tel number:
Email address:	
(please print carefully)	
Email address 2	

Email addresses will be the main way that information is circulate.