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Dear Parent,

EXPEDITIONS – Michaelmas 2023

I am writing to inform you of this term's three day expedition destinations for Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th October 2023. Your son/daughter will be informed in detail of their individual expedition, but this letter is to apprise you of the timings and general overview of those staff in charge.

Arts Award – Mr A Coupe: Students will either be taking part in the residential trip to London or remaining in school to complete a variety of Arts-related activities.

Arts Award London: The group will be leaving for London on Tuesday morning and will be staying at the YHA at Earl's Court from 24th to 26th October. Students will be attending a variety of performances as well as visiting the National Gallery and V&A Museum. Mr Coupe will write separately with more detailed instructions regarding kit for the trip but please note that the group will be arriving back at College no earlier than 9.30pm. As a result, **day students will need to be collected on Thursday evening.**

Arts Award College: Arts Award Students who are not going to London will work from College as a base. Activities will include developing arts skills on Tuesday and Thursday that may take them out of College. They will travel to Liverpool on Wednesday 25th October to visit the World Museum and attend Jesus Christ Superstar at the Liverpool Empire. Tuesday and Thursday will finish to ensure students can catch school buses as normal but on **Wednesday** they will arrive back at College no earlier than **7.30pm**. As a result, **day students will need to be collected on Wednesday evening.**

Green Team - Mrs C Empson: Green Team will be doing a series of trips in and around the local Shropshire/Powys area. The group will depart from College at 9.00am and returns at 5.00pm each day.

Year 12 DofE Gold Canoe – Mr J Underhill: Tuesday to Thursday: 3-day intensive canoe training and capsizing drills on the River Severn at Shrewsbury. This expedition leaves at 8.30am and returns for 5.30pm each day, and is not out overnight. Full change of clothes, towel and appropriate clothing needed; packed lunches provided. Buses are running as usual for day pupils.

Year 13 DofE Gold Canoe: With the Expedition completed in full last academic year, the group has the option of remaining in College on a supervised study schedule working on their eDofE or own academic timetable. Alternative arrangements to be agreed, in advance, via HSM.

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Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition: Pupils will be carrying out their Practice Expedition. The group will be walking routes around Moel Famau, Loggerheads, and Cilcain area in North Wales. We will be camping overnight at Fron Farm Country Holiday Park, near Mold. We will leave College on Tuesday morning and return on Wednesday, at approximately 5pm, in time for College transport. On Thursday, we shall enjoy a welcome reward with a fun day out to the Climbing Hut in Shrewsbury.

Year 9 Outdoor Education Expedition: Pupils will be camping and hiking the Tuesday and Wednesday of expeditions, completing elements of the CCF syllabus by developing their camping and navigating skills. These areas of the CCF syllabus will also be covered by DofE participants as part of their practice expedition. Thursday will be spent at College doing Bushcraft activities.

Year 10, Year 11 and Fast Track (new Army cadets into Year12): Army cadets will take part in military fieldcraft training at Swynnerton for all three days of Expeditions. Verbal and email orders have been issued to Cadets and Tutors.

Experienced Year 12/13 Army cadets: Cadets will help to deliver training for the above groups. Further details will be issued to individual cadets during Thursday training sessions. A number of Year 12 cadets will be taking part in the Gold DofE Canoe training.

CCF RAF & Navy – Mr J Haycock/Mr D Bottom: The Navy and RAF Sections will visit the Maritime Museum in Liverpool and Royal Air Force Museum in Cosford. Both sections will also be involved in activities that will enable them to develop into confident leaders. Cadets should register at 8.30am on all three days and will be back in College by 5.30pm so that day pupils can be collected.

Year 11 Leadership – Mrs M Reynolds: The Leadership expedition will be going off site for two days: Tuesday 24th to the Pioneer outdoor activity centre in Shropshire, and Thursday 26th to Liverpool Museums. The group will be doing team leadership training on site on Wednesday 25th. Normal school start and finish times apply and buses are running as usual for day pupils. Students should wear full school PE kit for Tuesday and Wednesday and may wear non-uniform for the Liverpool trip on Thursday.

Tennis – Mr S Welti: Tennis players will be doing training sessions in College each day, with short excursions out into the local area in the afternoons. On Tuesday and Thursday, the group will return in time for buses, with an evening meal planned on Wednesday 25th, returning to College at approximately 8.30pm. Those involved will receive a letter from Mr Welti.

Swimmers – Mr G Worrow: The swimming squads will undertake scheduled training sessions and be involved in a range of on-site swim related educational sessions during the 3 days of expos. Pupils who are involved will be on site each day from 8.30am – 5.30pm. Normal school start and finish times apply and buses are running as usual for day pupils. Swimmers who are attending other expeditions will still have training arranged around these commitments and should discuss this with their coach.

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Golf – Mr W Ashbrook: Golfers will be playing at Prestatyn Golf Club on Tuesday 24th October, at Llanymynech Golf Club on Wednesday 25th October and at Shropshire Golf Club on Thursday 26th. Normal school start and finish times apply and buses are running as usual for day pupils.

Football – Mr B Hall: Pupils will be based in College on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th engaging in a series of training activities. On Thursday 26th the group will visit Alton Towers for the day, return time will be communicated to the group by Coaches.

Lower School

Lower School pupils will follow a series of one day experiences, and will be able to depart school at the usual time of 5.30pm each evening (unless they are Boarders). Year 7 pupils are in school on Tuesday, but out at PGL for 2 nights, returning on Friday.

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ash	Cadbury's World	Preston Montford Explorers	Drama/Humanities workshops	
Oak and Elm	Cadbury's World	Enginuity, Telford	Drama/Humanities workshops	
Year 6	Cadbury's World	Ludlow Museum	Drama/Humanities workshops	
Year 7	In School Activities	PGL	PGL	PGL, returning in the afternoon
Year 8	Black Country Museum	Bushcraft day in school	Thinktank Birmingham	

Please be aware that there may be some variation on the day that the activity takes place during the expedition period, but if you have any issues with these activities, please contact the Lower School Secretary.

Yours sincerely,