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Dear Parent,

EXPEDITION UPDATE – Michaelmas Term 2020

You will not be surprised to learn that for the majority of pupils there will be no Expeditions this term. This is unfortunate, but I am sure everyone can appreciate that current restrictions make it difficult to deliver a full and successful Expedition programme. However, a modified Expedition will be available for some pupils in our current Year 13 Gold DofE group who are looking to complete the Award and for our current Year 10s who are keen to complete their Bronze DofE from last year. Details of the dates, locations and staff in charge for each Expedition are listed below.

In both cases it is important to note that the Expeditions will remain local and will **not be out overnight**, so pupils can go home or return to their Boarding Houses at the end of each school day. Our experienced Expedition leaders will of course ensure that all individuals involved observe the necessary Covid-19 safety guidance whilst the Expedition is under way. Your son/daughter will be informed in much greater detail of their individual Expedition by their respective Expedition leaders in due course.

Yr10 DofE (Bronze): Expedition Leaders - Mrs C McClelland & CCF Contingent Commander Clewlow:

Day 1 (Wednesday 21st October 2020) will see the groups walking in the local area. They will be bused to Whittington and will walk approximately 15km back to school where they will work on creating a detailed project book which explores their aim. Pupils will then cook their evening meal and pitch their tent as evidence of their ability. They will be available for pick up and buses at 5.15pm. On Day 2 (Thursday 22nd October 2020) they will be bused to Erbistock where pupils will walk approximately 14km before returning to school in time for pick up and buses at 5.15pm.

Pupils will be required to be in school for registration as normal on both days but can attend wearing walking gear. All will be available for buses and pick up at 5.15pm on both days. If your son/daughter do not wish to complete their Bronze Award by attending this Expedition experience, then please notify Mrs McClelland via email before Thursday 24th September 2020.

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Yr13 Gold DofE: Expedition Leader - Mr J Underhill:

Further details of the Gold DofE Expedition will be sent out by Mr Underhill in a separate letter in due course.

Equipment suggestions:

If your child is in Middle School and part of the Activity programme they will, at some stage, need to have:

A rucksack to carry all possessions for DofE.

Sturdy walking boots, especially if they are doing DofE.

Cookers will be provided but if your child would prefer to obtain their own cooker then please ask the activity leader to suggest the most suitable type. (Gas rather than methane).

Please look on the Ellesmere College web site for a link to order the appropriate non-military kit should you wish or contact Mrs McClelland or Mr Underhill to discuss how to purchase equipment.

Your sincerely,

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