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Dear Parent,

EXPEDITIONS – Michaelmas 2018

I am writing to inform you of this term's three day expedition destinations for Tuesday 23rd October to Thursday 25th October 2018. 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 - Mrs M Hutchings: Pupils will attend one of three separate Arts Award expeditions:

Mrs Paul will be taking pupils on three separate day trips. This will involve a trip to Blackpool on Tuesday 23rd October to include a show; Stoke on Trent for Trentham Gardens and Monkey World for photography on Wednesday 24th October; College based Flamenco dancing on Thursday 25th October with Mrs Reynolds.

Mrs Hutchings, Mrs Phillips, and Mr Formstone to Haworth (staying at the YHA) to view the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Bronte Museum and Styal Mill.

Mr Coupe, Mrs Fisher and Mrs Schubert to Liverpool and Manchester, staying at the Premier Inn in Hyde Park, visiting Manchester City Art Gallery 'The Whitworth' and on Thursday 25th October the Terracotta Warriors exhibition in Liverpool. Return to college on Thursday 25th October will be late (approximately 11:30pm) so pupils should arrange to be collected by parents

Green Team - Mrs C Allen: Green Team will be walking and visiting local points of interest in the Peak District, staying at Ilam Self Catering Bunkhouse (National Trust property).

DofE Gold Canoe – Mr J Underhill: Canoeists will undertake three days intensive canoe training on the River Severn at Frankwell, Shrewsbury and the lake at Whitemere. Boarders can stay overnight in College and Day Pupils will be back each day in time for 5:30pm buses. The canoeists will return to College by 5.00pm on Thursday 25th October. Mr Underhill will issue appropriate kit lists directly to pupils via their College emails.

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DofE Gold Walking – Mr M Clewlow: Three days training in North Wales including navigation skills and camp craft. The group will be assisted by Mr I. Carter of Eden Adventures, who has worked with our CCF pupils many times. The group will return to college by 5.00pm on Thursday 25th October.

DofE Silver – Miss R Hansford: Pupils will visit an area in Snowdonia National Park and spend three days walking and map reading. They will camp out on Tuesday and Wednesday evening and return to college at 5.00pm on Thursday 25th October.

DofE Bronze - Mrs C McClelland & Mrs J Evans: Pupils will visit the Llandegla area on Tuesday 23rd October and Wednesday 24th October to do their practice walk, camping out on the Tuesday night, and returning to college on Wednesday 5.00pm. Thursday will be a one day activity to be confirmed.

CCF Navy and RAF - Mr C Collins: Cadets will visit and stay at Southport Sailing Club, where they will work towards their Level 1/2 Sailing qualifications. They will leave College on the evening of Monday 22nd October and return on Thursday 25th October. All cadets will be provided with a full kit list well in advance.

CCF Army - Mr M Clewlow: Year 10 and 11 and Sixth Form Army cadets will go to Nesscliffe for the three days of expos to engage in military exercises on the training area. They will return to college at 5.00pm on Thursday 25th October.

Year 9 CCF will be in Llangollen/Quinta, Bronze DofE training.

Equipment suggestions:

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

Sleeping bag and mat.

Rucksack to carry all possessions for DofE.

Sturdy walking boots especially if they are doing DofE.

Tents will be provided as will cookers, 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).

Year 11 Leadership – Mrs A Done: The Leadership group will be going for a three day (two nights away) Expedition to an Outdoor Education Centre, in Conway. Pupils will stay in 4* Hostel accommodation and take part in a range of activities including: obstacle course, team initiative challenges, bush craft, orienteering, gorge walking, climbing and abseiling The expedition will depart from school on Tuesday 23rd October and return on Thursday 25th October, in time for buses (5.30pm).

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Tennis – Mr S Welte: In College with a variety of other activities off site. Those involved will receive a letter from Mr Welte.

Swimmers – Mr A Bircher: College based swimming activities on Tuesday 23rd October. Then leaving for the National Squad Training Camp Abroad on Wednesday 24th October and returning on Sunday 4th November. (On the Tuesday pupils can leave at 5:30pm on buses or return to boarding houses).

Golf – Mr I Williams: Golfers will be travelling away on Tuesday 23rd October to play at a golf venue in the Chepstow area. They will be staying away on the Tuesday night and returning to College on the evening of Wednesday 24th October. On Thursday 25th October the Golfers will play at Henllie Park Golf Club and at Mile End Golf Club for tuition. They will be returning to College that afternoon.

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 two nights, returning on Friday.

	Year 3/4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Tue 23 rd October	Salt works am. Ice cream farm pm.	Celtic day at Groundwork	Quarry Bank Mill	In school activities	Chill Factore Snow Park
Wed 24 th October	Play in a day - in School	Play in day - in School	Sarehole Mill workshop	PGL Activity Centre, Boreatton	Black Country Museum
Thur 25 th October	Techniquest am. Candle Factory pm	Wolverhampton Art Gallery workshop	Play in a day - in School	PGL Activity Centre, Boreatton (returning on Fri 26 th)	Flamenco/Spanish day - in School

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 Mrs S Morgan.

Yours sincerely,

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