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Dear Parent,

EXPEDITIONS – Michaelmas 2019

I am writing to inform you of this term's three day Expedition destinations for Tuesday 22nd October to Thursday 24th October 2019. 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 M Horton: The Arts Award team will be travelling to Blackpool on Tuesday 22nd and staying overnight in a local hotel. Pupils will see Madame Tussauds, followed by a show in the evening. On Wednesday there will be a visit to the Pleasure Beach, followed by first-hand experience of stage technology. The group will return to College at approximately 5:30pm on Wednesday evening. Thursday will be spent in College working on Silver and Gold Awards. A small additional cost will be necessary and Mr Horton will provide full details via a letter to those pupils on this Expedition.

Green Team - Mrs C Allen: Green Team will be exploring Snowdonia National Park, Llandudno and Machynlleth. The group will be staying overnight on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd in Hendre Isaf bunkhouse near Betws-y-Coed. The Expo leaves at 8:45am on Tuesday 22nd and returns to College at approximately 4:30pm on Thursday 24th.

DofE Gold Canoe – Mr J Underhill: There are two Gold canoe groups this year. Both groups will be out each day of Expos at either the River Severn at Frankwell, Shrewsbury or Whitemere on intensive canoe training courses instructed by their respective outside canoe experts, (S. Tuerena and Drummond Outdoor). Each group will leave college at 9:00am each day and return by 5:00pm in time for buses home. The Expedition will not be camping out overnight, so Boarders will stay at College. Mr Underhill will issue appropriate kit lists directly to pupils via their College emails.

DofE Silver – Dr 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 5pm on Thursday 24th October.

DofE Bronze - Mrs C McClelland & Mrs J Evans: Pupils will visit the Llandegla/Ruthin areas on Tuesday 22nd to complete their first day of walking and will camp overnight in the area. Day two of the route will take the group through to Llangollen and then return to College in time for buses home (unless they are Boarders). On Thursday, pupils will return to College for morning registration and do team building exercises at 'Climbing The Walls' in Shrewsbury, returning in time for buses.



CCF RAF – Dr K Collins: The RAF are going to RAF Cosford for flying and the Museum on the Tuesday, before driving up to Inskip in Lancashire where they will spend the two nights in cadet accommodation. Wednesday is a full day of adventure training at The Anderton Centre on Rivington Reservoir. Thursday will be team building exercises and developing leadership skills at Inskip before returning to College in time for transport home. The Expo will depart at 9:15am on Tuesday 22nd and return approximately 4:00pm on Thursday 24th. All cadets will be provided with a full kit list well in advance.

CCF Navy – Mr C Collins: The Expo will be leaving on Sunday 20th October for the Gutter Tor Refuge on Dartmoor, staying there until Tuesday 22nd and then travelling to Pier Cellars in Cawsand, Cornwall. Returning to College approximately 5:00pm on Friday 25th October. Cadets will be involved in training exercises with the Royal Marines, mountain biking, walking, and a visit to a warship. Cadets will receive full details from Mr Collins.

CCF Army - Mr M Clewlow: Years 9, 10, 11 and 6th Form Army cadets will go to Nesscliffe for the three days of Expos to engage in military exercises on the training area, where they will also camp out on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. They will be taking part in field craft training and Expedition training. Older and more experienced cadets will hopefully have the opportunity to take part in a blank firing exercise and a range day. The Expo will return to College at 5:00pm on Thursday 24th.

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.

Ruck sack to carry all possessions for DofE.

Sturdy walking boots especially if they are doing DofE.

Tents will be provided as well as 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 out each day to an Activity Centre in Much Wenlock. Pupils will take part in a range of activities, some of which include team challenges, mountain boarding, zip wires, archery & shooting activities and Segway. The group will return to College at approximately 5:00pm each day, when Day pupils can then return home and Boarders will return to Houses.

Tennis – Mr S Welti: Tennis players will be doing training sessions in College each day. There will be an evening meal out on Wednesday 23rd, returning to College at approximately 8:30pm. On Tuesday and Thursday pupils will finish at 5:30pm. Those involved will receive a letter from Mr Welti.

Swimmers – Mr A Bircher: College based swimming activities on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Then pupils can leave at 5:30pm on buses, or return to boarding houses.



Golf – Mr I Williams – Golfers will be playing on a local golf course on Tuesday 22nd October (tbc). They will also be on a local course on Wednesday 23rd, with an evening in the cinema in Wrexham. On Thursday 24th they will play on the Mile End Golf Course in the Academy Open, followed by an afternoon of coaching. There will be a late return to College following the Cinema visit on Wednesday, but on Tuesday and Thursday pupils will arrive back on site in time for buses home.

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
Tuesday 22 nd October	Jackfield Tile Museum	Groundwork, Celtic Day	Blists Hill Victorian Village	In School activities	Thinktank Birmingham
Wednesday 23 rd October	Shrewsbury Museum	Shrewsbury Museum	Play in a day – in School	PGL	Black Country Museum
Thursday 24 th October	Play in a day – in School	Play in a day – in School	Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre	PGL (Returning on Friday 25 th)	Bush Craft 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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