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Dear Parent,

## **EXPEDITIONS – Michaelmas 2017**

I am writing to inform you of this term's 3 day expedition destinations for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Your son/daughter will be informed in much greater detail of their individual expedition, but this letter is to appraise you of the timings and general overview of those staff in charge.

**Arts Award – Blackpool Group - Mrs R. Paul:** Will depart for Blackpool, returning in time for buses on the Friday. Students will be looking at the Circus and theatre productions amongst other events.

**Green Team - Mrs C. Allen:** Will be going to Hemsley in North Yorkshire.

**DofE Gold Canoe – Mr J. Underhill:** Canoeists will depart each day from College for a day of training on the water. Wednesday and Friday will be at Shrewsbury and Thursday will be at Whitemere.

**DofE Gold Walking – Mr J. Underhill :** Walkers will be on a full three day/two night training expedition based at Cymer Abbey and will walk into Barmouth.

**DofE Gold walking Year 13 - Mrs D. Joynson-Brooke:** The group who missed last term's assessment will depart on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm and will walk from Llanulchwyn, south of Bala, to Barmouth.

**DofE Silver - Mr T. Hurst:** To Church Stretton/Ludlow area. Camping for 2 nights on their practice expedition.

**DofE Bronze - All Year 9 - Mrs J. Evans:** Abbey Cruz outside Llangollen 2 nights, 3 days walking. The first day will be local to the College when standards and kit will be checked.

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**CCF RAF – Llandegla - Mr J. Haycock:** Camping two nights with mountain biking, fishing and a variety of other activities.

Year 12 who have opted for DofE will be training for their Gold expedition with the DofE Gold Groups.

Year 9 will be doing the DofE expedition.

**CCF Navy - Mr C. Collins:** Year 9 will be doing the DofE expedition. Depart for Southport with three days of sailing and power boat.

Year 12 who have opted for DofE will be training for their Gold expedition with the DofE Gold Groups.

**CCF Army – Nescliffe - Mr M. Clewlow:** Year 9 will be doing the DofE expedition.

Year 12 who have opted for DofE will be training for their Gold expedition with the DofE Gold Groups.

The remaining Army cadets will be at Nesscliffe for a variety of military skills for two nights and three days.

**Year 11 Leadership group - Mrs A. Done:** Will travel to North Wales for a two night adventure into the world of Bushcraft.

### **Equipment suggestions:**

If your child is in Middle and Senior school and participating in 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). Please look on the Ellesmere College website for a link to order the appropriate non-military kit should you wish or contact Dr. T Gareth to discuss how to purchase equipment.

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

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**Titans Swimmers – Mr. Bircher:** Spanish swimming camp for those who have opted to attend.

The remainder of the swimmers group will be encouraged to join the activity which they have been following on a Thursday or there will be a programme through the swimming coaches throughout the whole expedition period.

**Year 13 IB students Mr P. Hayes:** Wednesday will have a full day of Mathematics.

**Golf Academy - Mr Williams:** There will be a variety of Golfing activities at local clubs.

### Lower School

**Year 7 - Mrs J. Davies:** Will be departing for Boreatton Park, a PGL activity centre for the duration of the expedition period.

	YEARS 4 AND 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8
WED	SHREWSBURY MUSEUM AND A VISIT TO THEATRE SEVERN	QUARRY BANK MILL, STYAL	BOREATTON PARK	WARWICK CASTLE
THUR	BIRMINGHAM SEA-LIFE CENTRE	GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO SHREWSBURY PLUS A TRIP TO THEATRE SEVERN	BOREATTON PARK	WOODLAND CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES
FRI	PLAY PRACTICE IN SCHOOL	PLAY PRACTICE IN SCHOOL	BOREATON PARK	JACKFIELD AND COALPORT MUSEUMS AND WORKSHOPS

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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