



Ellesmere

A 7 – 18 Coeducational School

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Dear Parent,

### EXPEDITIONS – Summer 2018

I am writing to inform you of this term's four day expedition destinations for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Your son/daughter will be informed in detail of their individual expedition, but this letter is to appraise you of the timings and general overview of those staff in charge.

**Gold DofE walking** will depart on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 4pm and return on the evening of Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, using the Thursday as a consolidation of your child's paperwork.

**Gold DofE Canoeists** will depart on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 3pm returning on Thursday.

**The Naval and RAF section** will depart on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 10am for Portsmouth, returning on Thursday.

**The Arts Award (Mrs R Schubert)** will be based in school. They are working on a variety of tasks as well as going on excursions during the day, but boarders will be staying over in College.

**The Arts Award International group (Miss L Edwards)** will be attending some workshops as well as going on excursions during the day. They will be in College at night.

**The Green Team (Mrs C Allen)** will be going to the National Trust Big Mose Bunkhouse in Bridgnorth for the first two nights and three days and then back to College, followed by a barbeque in the College wildlife garden on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

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**DofE Gold Canoe (Mr J Underhill)** Canoeists will go at 3pm from College on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June and canoe down the River Wye from Glasbury to Monmouth. They will be camping out all nights as part of their assessed expedition. They will be late back so will not be able to return home via the College Buses.

**DofE Gold Walking (Mr J Underhill)** Walkers will go Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, departing 4pm in the afternoon until Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June in the Dolgellau area on their assessed expedition. They will be back at College overnight and on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June will complete their presentations and paperwork.

**DofE Silver (Miss R Hansford)** Going to the Bala area. Camping two nights on their assessed expedition. They will return on the evening of Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June and either go home or stay in College overnight. On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June they will complete any paperwork and presentations needed to finalise the assessment.

**DofE Bronze Year 9 (Mrs J Evans)** Llandegla for night one then walking to Llangollen on day two. White water rafting in Llangollen on the morning of Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June then back to College where the students will complete their projects on the Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**CCF RAF (Dr Collins)** All the RAF section except those on Gold DofE will be joining the Naval section at Portsmouth and will depart on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.

**CCF Navy and RAF (Mr C Collins)** Going to Portsmouth leaving Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 10am - sailing and Dock Yard visits together with other watermanship activities.

**CCF Army (Mr M Clewlow)** All Army cadets will go to Nesscliffe Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. They will return to College or home for Tuesday at 5pm.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June** the following groups will be out:

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

Year 10 are in the Lake District on a Survival course.

Year 12 – Welsh 3000 challenge.

The Bisley shooting team may be shooting but venue yet to be confirmed.

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### **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 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).

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

**Titans (Mr Bircher)** Will be in College following a programme through the swimming coaches during the whole expedition

### **Cricket**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> June:

Introduction to the Cricket Activators Award with activities in school and additional visits to cricket related facilities.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June:

Visit a Professional Game – Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire at Edgbaston.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June:

Assist with the organisation of the Abberley Hall Girls Cricket Festival and/or Shropshire U21 v Staffs Development.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June:

Visit a Professional Game – Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire at Edgbaston.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June:

Complete Young Activators Course and Lower School Sports Day.

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## Lower School

	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Mon	Llandudno Great Orme	Chester Zoo	Museum of Science and Industry, Manchester	Castles trip Beaumaris Caernarfon	Black Country Museum
Tue	RSPB Lake Vyrnwy	Roman Soldier In School	Weston Park	Thinktank Museum Birmingham	Climbing wall Shrewsbury/ Attingham Park
Wed	Cadbury World	Groundwork Celts	Blists Hill Ironbridge	Spaceport Liverpool Ferry U-Boats	Chester Zoo
Thur	KS2 GALA/ SPORTS DAY	KS2 GALA/ SPORTS DAY	KS2 GALA/ SPORTS DAY	SPORTS ACTIVITIES/DAY	SPORTS ACTIVITIES/DAY

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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