

Gold (& Silver) Expedition

13th - 17th July 2024



Expeditions: Essential information/reminders

- Students should pack their own bag so that they know where all of their kit is.
- Nothing should be outside of their rucksack except for a roll mat wrapped in a tough black bag to keep it dry. Everything inside should be wrapped in black bags to keep everything dry, especially clothes and their sleeping bag.
- Mobile phones are strictly forbidden on expeditions with the exception of one 'emergency mobile' per expedition group which remains turned off throughout the weekend unless there is an emergency.
- Please ensure you are on time as the whole group cannot leave by coach until everyone is here!

All students must have:

- Suitable clothing (Students will need to wear clothes suitable for walking). Jeans are not permitted. A waterproof coat (and preferably waterproof trousers are also required)
- For Gold, you must have a pair of proper walking boots!
- Toiletries
- A Compass
- Large rucksack
- Sleeping bag and sleeping mat.

Each expedition group will also need:

- Tents of suitable size that the group can sleep in along with their rucksacks (double-skinned)
- Cooking stoves for the group (Trangia or resealable gas burning stoves - please check before purchasing these to check if they are suitable, or you can hire one from us instead)
- **Water purification tablets (in case students are required to drink from streams/rivers)**

Further information about equipment can also be found on our website:

<https://arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/students/duke-of-edinburgh/expeditions-equipment/>.

Arrangements

Students will be required to arrive at school no later than 7:45am on Saturday and gather at the front of school.

We will travel to the expedition area by coach, camp for FOUR nights and return to school at approximately 6pm on Wednesday 17th July. The Saturday is an acclimatization day where students will be able to purchase a takeaway for their evening meal - students will need a small daysack to walk with on this day and some money for their evening meal. Their actual expedition begins on Sunday morning.

The year 11 silver assessment group will also be starting their expedition on Sunday morning so they will also need money to purchase their evening meal on Saturday.

The campsite that staff we will be staying at (and students on the first night) is Cae Gethin Farm/Llanfair Slate Caverns LL46 2SA (01766 780247). Students will be staying at various other campsites unsupervised for the remaining nights, although staff will visit them every evening.

In case of emergency, please contact the DofE mobiles first and if there is no answer contact the campsite if necessary.

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