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Dear Parents,

Re: DofE Bronze Practice Expedition, Alderney, Friday 18th March to Saturday 19th March

We would like to share the arrangements for our imminent DofE bronze practice expedition with you. There are more specific details on the enclosed itinerary. Students have already been issued with the kit that they are loaning from school. Enclosed are copies of the kit check list and advice on packing a ruck sack and maintaining equipment.

A real, qualifying Bronze expedition is a minimum of 6 hours journeying or project work per day and at least one 'substantial cooked meal' per day. However, as this is a training practice, the times are somewhat reduced in order that all involved can have Sunday to recover before they are back to school.

We will be setting off at the end of a normal school day on Friday 18th March and will be camping at Essex Farm on the grounds of the Alderney Wildlife Trust grounds. Students will be entirely on foot for the duration of the trip, however there will be staff support vehicles which can be used for students in the case of emergency.

Pupils will be walking outdoors all day and in all weathers. They should have waterproof coats and trousers. In addition, they must have layers of warm clothes, hat and gloves, especially for sitting out in the evening. They will also need a torch, headtorches are ideal and available on island at Blanchard's. Whilst this is the practice expedition, we may allow pupils to be 'remotely supervised' while walking to build their confidence. In the evening, students will be working on collecting videos for their final presentation and we may be allowed a small, contained fire pit.

Because of fundraising, we have been able to minimise costs and there is no charge to families for this practice expedition. However, we are now happy to start accepting payment for the Guernsey Qualifying expedition at the end of April. You may remember that this is a non-refundable contribution of **£50 per pupil. (Cash or cheques payable to Alderney DofE)** You have already returned the usual parental consent forms. Contributions should be returned to school at the latest by Thursday 7th April when we break up for Easter.

Students will need to provide and carry their own food to cook on Trangia stoves. They should also have sensible containers for 2 litres of water. Please see full details of which meals will be required on the attached itinerary.

We are all excited to be starting on our expedition season; however, there are risks associated with coastal walking and remote supervision. We expect pupils to follow all staff instructions with maturity and understanding. Personal mobile phones are not allowed during the actual expedition but staff will have mobile phones which you may call in an emergency. The group will be supervised by Ms Brooke, Mr Kemp and Mrs Craig.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at school, Yours sincerely,

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