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Dear Parents

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition 2-4 July 2010

This year, the Silver Duke of Edinburgh assessed expedition will take place over the period 2-4 July. Please ensure your son/daughter has everything they require for the expedition in good time; there shouldn't be any panic packing the night before! We are staying at two camp sites on the Isle of Wight over the three days, Thorness Bay Park near Cowes on the first evening and Compton Farm, Brook near Newport on the second night. The start of the walking route will be from school via the Portsmouth/Fishbourne ferry on the 2 July and the end in Yarmouth, to return on the ferry to Lymington on Sunday 4 July.

Your son/daughter should bring their log books or *Keeping Track* books on the expedition so we can sign off their achievements. They should work closely with the rest of the group as well as their assigned Mentor and review the notes on the School T-Drive relating to Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. To date some pupils have not completed their route cards which are essential in order to undertake the expedition and failure to submit a route card before 20 May will mean a group can not undertake the expedition. Each team should ensure that they have at least one OS Explorer Map OL29 (Isle of Wight) for the expedition.

There will be a competition with a prize for the group that plans and cooks the best meal on the first evening. The campsite we are staying at for the first night has a swimming pool so there will be an opportunity for the pupils to swim. In order for your son/daughter to be able to swim I would be grateful if you could complete the attached consent forms and return them to me **before the 20 May**.

Please ensure you drop off your son/daughter at 9am on 2 July at the main gate of school. School as we are booked onto 10am ferry. If a pupil is going to be late I would be grateful if they could contact me so we can ensure they do not miss taking part on the expedition. Please can they register with Miss Dyer and provide their mobile number. I anticipate they will be ready for collection shortly after 4pm on 4th July from Lymington Ferry terminal.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Nash
Head of Silver Duke of Edinburgh