



King's Academy Easthampstead Park
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Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm delighted to let you know that King's Academy Easthampstead Park is making good progress with the students undertaking their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE).

I recently wrote to you regarding your child's progress and I have seen a surge in evidence being uploaded so thank you for your support. As you are aware, students have been meeting regularly to complete the 'Skill' section of the award by developing their navigation with Mr Couldridge and should by now be well on their way in the other sections too which should be completed by Friday 19th April.

We are now turning our attention to the fourth and final section of the award: The expedition.

The Expedition

The expedition is perhaps the area of DofE most people are aware of. As stated, when your child signed up for the award, it is expected that they will have completed all other sections before undertaking this. This is being monitored. On the 15th March, if we feel that your child will not fulfil this expectation on time you will be informed that your child will not be able to complete the expedition this year.

Students will participate in a number of training sessions during our Thursday meetings which will prepare them for what's to come. They will undertake one practice expedition which will give them a realistic experience before they are assessed over two days and one night in the countryside. Your child will be assessed on the DofE's 20 conditions and must comply with these in order to successfully complete the qualifying expedition. A copy of these 20 conditions can be found at <https://www.dofe.org/20conditions>.

The expeditions will take place on the following dates:

Practice expedition:

When: Saturday 19th April 2025 9:00am

Meet point: Channies Car Park, Guildford. GU4 8AW

w3w: Strut.Tennis.Moves

Pick Up: Ranmore Common East Car Park, Wotton, Dorking RH5 6SR

w3w - Quest.Windy.Shorts

This is a practice expedition so students are expected to carry their full expedition pack. This will enable them to fully appreciate the challenge they are undertaking and make reasonable and informed adjustments for their final assessed expedition.

Qualifying expedition:

When: Saturday 10th - Sunday 11th May 2025 9:00am

Meet point: Compton Guide & Scout Hut. Cheseridge Rd, Compton, Newbury. RG20 7PL

w3w - upwards.refills.profiled

Pick Up: Upper Basildon

w3w - stages.sheepish.exams



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During the practice and qualifying expeditions, we will be remotely supervising your child. This involves the safety and well-being of a group being monitored from a distance, with limited direct contact with the group. Remote supervision can take different forms and instructors will move between different types of remote supervision to ensure that the safety of a group is managed without compromising the expedition experience.

With this in mind, the great experiences for your child of the expedition section include being away with friends, team-bonding, problem solving, and developing independence. As such, please understand that students will not have use of their phones so will not be contactable during their expedition. Mobile phones will only be used for tracking and safety purposes and will be placed in a 'tamper-evident' bag. Should you need to contact your child in the case of an emergency, please call the staff phone on 07957 479252.

Your child will be given full training on what equipment they need, what is suitable, what's not and what they should think about leaving at home. It is very easy to 'do it for them'. At the time this may feel helpful but we find more often that non-essential items are packed. Please can we ask that you support your child's learning by allowing them the opportunity to pack their own rucksack.

Students will require the items listed. As you are already aware, we received some funding in order to run this course. As a result, some of the equipment (marked with an asterisk) can be provided by us if required.

Finally, please complete the forms on ParentPay giving your permission, contact details and any relevant medical information for your child.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us via email sarah.burrows@kgaeasthampstead.uk or paul.couldridge@kgaeasthamsptead.uk.

We are really looking forward to seeing our this DofE cohort completing their expeditions successfully.

Yours sincerely,



Miss S Burrows



Mr P Couldridge