

27 January 2022

Dear Parents

Your child is in the process of completing their Duke of Edinburgh expedition section. We are planning to conduct the final bronze expedition between 1-2 April. This expedition will be on the Isle of Wight starting and finishing at the Island VI Form. We will meet at VI Form at 9.00 am on Friday before setting out to Camp Wight before returning the next day and will aim to be finished by 5.00 pm on Saturday. Students from Carisbrooke will be able to meet at Carisbrooke College for their usual school time of 8.45 am, meeting in the canteen before being ferried by minibus to the VI Form. The cost of the expedition is £3.00 which can be paid through the school gateway.

Students will be provided with some expedition equipment, such as tents, rucksacks, and stoves, but it is essential that they have their own sleeping bag, walking boots and bring suitable warm clothing. We have some good quality waterproofs, but students can bring their own. They will need to supply their own food for the duration of the expedition. They have received training on preparing menus and using stoves, as well as first aid and navigation. If there is any issue with the above please contact me on [elys.norman@iwef.org.uk](mailto:elys.norman@iwef.org.uk).

I am a qualified Lowland leader, first aider and DofE Gold Expedition Supervisor/Assessor/Leader. I will be remotely supervising the group with three other members of staff and contactable throughout the expedition. Students can bring their mobile phone however they are expected to be turned off and in their rucksack.

During the expedition you will be able to contact me on 07470 076732.

The home-based contacts for the students will be:

For the VI Form: Carol McFarlane 01983 522886 or 07919 270910

For Carisbrooke Students: Judy Smith 01983 524651 or 07760 559201

Please contact the college if you wish to check the level and range of cover. In the unlikely event of an emergency, you will be informed as quickly as possible. A full Covid risk assessment has been prepared in accordance with Government guidelines and National Youth Agency. Students will be briefed on the current situation in March prior to departure.

If you are happy for your child to take part in this expedition, please complete, sign and return the attached EV3 consent form. Payment must be made through the parent gateway.

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

Yours faithfully



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