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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Assessment: Danbury

I am very pleased to inform you that we are now in the position to complete the Bronze assessment expedition in order for the participants to achieve their award once all sections have been completed.

Please encourage your child to complete their outstanding sections if they have not already done so.

The expedition will take place over two days and parents need to drop off and collect their child each day as overnight camping is no longer required.

Please see below for an outline of each day's events.

Saturday 3rd July:	10:00	Meet at Danbury Outdoors
	15:00	Collection at Danbury Outdoors
Sunday 4th July:	10:00	Meet at Danbury Outdoors
	15:00	Collection at Danbury Outdoors

Address: Danbury Outdoors Wells Lane, Danbury, Essex, CM3 4AB

Please note: In some cases, young people may need an additional assessment expedition if the 20 conditions are not met. If this happens, you will receive a full report on why your child requires an extra qualifying expedition from the DofE Assessor.

Yours sincerely,

Vicky Munday
Mud and Maps

Thomas Boesch
DofE Co-ordinator

Itinerary

Bronze Qualifying Expedition to Danbury – Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July 2021

This expedition is over two days and there is no camping required.

Saturday 3rd July: Day 1 of Expedition

Parents are to drop off and collect their child from the expedition

10:00 Meet DofE Assessor

15:00 Collection by parents from Danbury Outdoors, Well Lane,
Danbury CM3 4AB

Food requirements: students to provide lunch, dinner, snacks and drinks.

Students will be cooking on the Saturday, they should bring pasta, rice, noodles or couscous. Please refer to the attached kit list.

Sunday 4th July: Day 2 of Expedition

10:00 Walking along their pre-planned route to the finish

15:00 Collection by parents from Danbury Outdoors, Well Lane,
Danbury CM3 4AB

Food requirements: participants to provide breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks.

As part of the DofE 20 conditions, the groups are to independently make their way along their route in groups of between 4 to 7 young people. The young people have had training to allow this to be a low risk activity. Staff meet the young people at their pre-planned check points and remotely supervise the young people along their journey. Staff will generally see each group around 4 times in the day. Staff will be with the young people at camp for the whole time.

No personal mobile phones are allowed to be used on expedition. The young people are not allowed to call home. You can check the Mud and Maps Facebook page for expedition updates during the weekend. You can find us searching the name Mud and Maps. Each expedition team will be given one of our group phones for emergency purposes only.

You can view the DofE 20 conditions on the DofE website. If you have any questions about the DofE conditions, please feel free to speak to a member of staff.

Bronze Kit List 2021:

What to wear on all expedition days:

We recommend that you wear athletic sports clothing as if you were carrying out a PE lesson with good sports trainer or walking boots. You will be outside all day no matter the weather.

For Health and Safety, we have to make sure you are dressed for walking 6 hours. Please do not wear jeans or turn up in flip flops as we would have to send you home.

Supplied by Mad and Maps:

- Cooker and Fuel for each young person
- Map for each young person
- Group compass and emergency shelter
- Group emergency pack and phone

Please read this equipment list carefully to ensure you bring all the equipment required to complete the assessment.

Supplied by participants:

In a small rucksack, please bring the following:

Food preparation:

- A meal to cook on the mini Trangia*
- A cold lunch for each day and snacks
- Cutlery, plate and cup - only hard plastic
- Emergency rations - (labelled) - hot drink, meal and snack
- Washing up liquid/cloth/tea towel - per team
- Water containers with water – minimum of 2 litres capacity - 2x 1 litre bottles are ideal**

Equipment items:

- Torch
- Waterproof top - compulsory
- Waterproof trousers - advised
- First aid kit - per team
- Personal medication
- Matches (not a lighter) – per team
- Hand sanitizer and face visor or mask

Optional items depending on weather:

- Thermals - if cold
- Fleece
- Gloves and hat - if cold
- Sun cream

*The 4 best items to cook on the Trangia are pasta, rice, couscous and noodles.

** The young people need enough water for the day whilst out walking so 2 litres is recommended.