



12th June 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Qualifying Expedition

Following a successful practice expedition, I am pleased to share the itinerary for our qualifying expedition. The group will be accompanied by myself and Mrs Sarah Duguid. As with the practice, upon arrival in The Lake District, the expedition will be run by DofE Approved Activity Provider, 'The Adventure Element'. To find out more about the Activity Provider, you can access their website at <https://www.theadventureelement.co.uk/>.

I am once again including the guidance pack for participants and parents that was shared with you prior to the practice expedition. As per the practice, most team kit will be provided when we arrive in The Lake District, but individual kit will need to be packed as detailed in the guidance. Girls should ensure there is room in their rucksacks to add group kit on arrival.

We will be planning meals prior to departure and groups will be expected to have the majority of their expedition food packed to bring with them. We have, however, arranged an opportunity to purchase any fresher items that may be needed on arrival.

Although Aurigny have advised that ID is not required, to ensure a smoother check-in process in Manchester, could I please ask that your daughter does bring photographic ID with her.

Due to the nature of the award, students will be remotely supervised throughout their expedition. During these times we will expect that the girls: stick to their planned route; notify their supervisor if they will not reach their allocated checkpoints at expected times; always remain in their groups. Students will be able to contact their supervisors and myself on their emergency phones at all times. Each group will also be provided with a tracker during their expedition so they can be easily located.

Silver Practice Expedition Itinerary

Monday 17th July

Please bring a packed lunch

9.00am Meet at Guernsey Airport and check in

10.20am Depart on GR670 to Manchester

11.35am Arrive in Manchester, collect baggage and walk to train station

1.04pm Train from Manchester Airport to Penrith

2.59pm Arrive at Penrith and meet supervisors

3.00pm Opportunity to visit a supermarket with supervisors whilst staff collect rental vehicle

- 3.30pm Transfer to Pooley Bridge Village Hall in rental vehicle with staff in two groups
- 4.00pm Kit checks, emergency briefing and route planning
- 6.00pm Evening meal (provided)
- 7.00pm Short walk to campsite, erect tents and complete any final planning if required
- 8.00pm Overnight camping at Waterside House Campsite (remote supervision)

Tuesday 18th July

- 8.00am Breakfast and strike camp
- 9.00am Transfer to Aira Force starting point in rental vehicle with staff in two groups
- 9.30am Begin expedition (remote supervision)
- 4.30pm Arrive at Gillside Farm Campsite, erect tents and cook dinner
- 6.00pm Review the day and plan for following day
- 8.00pm Overnight at Gillside Farm (remote supervision)

Wednesday 19th July

- 8.00am - Breakfast and strike camp
- 9.00am - Continue expedition along planned route (remote supervision)
- 4.00pm - Arrive at Waterside House Campsite, erect tents and cook dinner
- 6.00pm - Review the day and plan for the following day
- 8.00pm - Overnight at Waterside House Campsite (remote supervision)

Thursday 20th July

- 7.00am - Breakfast and strike camp
- 8.00am - Continue expedition along planned route (remote supervision)
- 3.00pm - Arrive at Wayfarers Independent Hostel, return kit and debrief
- 4.00pm - Shower and relax at the hostel
- 6.00pm - Evening meal in Penrith (provided)
- 9.00pm - Overnight at Wayfarers Independent Hostel

Friday 21st July

Meals will not be provided so please bring money

- 9.00am - Breakfast in Penrith
- 10.00am - Shopping time in Penrith (remote supervision)
- 12.30pm - Lunch in Penrith
- 1.30pm - Return to Hostel to collect bags and walk to station
- 2.49pm - Train from Penrith to Manchester Airport
- 4.44pm - Arrive at Manchester Airport and go to check in
- 6.00pm - Go to departures, opportunity to purchase evening meal (remote supervision)
- 7.45pm - Depart on GR679 to Guernsey
- 9.10pm - Arrive in Guernsey and collection

Please complete and return the online form (<https://forms.office.com/e/60bvday25i>) to consent to your daughter's participation in the qualifying expedition by Friday 23rd June.

Emergency contact during the expedition: Miss E Johnson 07781 158044

Emergency contact on island during the expedition: TBC

If you have any questions or queries relating to the expedition, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01481 721602 or via e-mail on ejohnson@ladiescollege.ac.gg

Yours sincerely,

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