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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions

The dates for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions are 3rd – 4th May (practice expedition) and 4th – 7th July (qualifying expedition). Your child must participate in **both** weekends **as well as all 3** training sessions to complete this section of the award. There are 2 training sessions before the Easter break 2.00pm–4.30pm on 5th March and 27th March and a first aid session after Easter, date to be confirmed.

The expeditions themselves will require students to be at the school car park at 3.30pm on the day of departure. They will be transported to the start of their expedition with school minibuses to the New Forest where they will be carrying out the expedition phase. We will be returning to the school at approximately 6pm on the Sunday although this time can vary. Please note that students will be walking in their groups without a member of staff, although we will be checking their progress through the use of checkpoints.

There is a charge of £55 to cover expenses for both weekends and the training. Students must also look closely at the equipment list provided and ensure they have everything they need for these weekends. Failure to have the correct equipment could result in your child not being allowed to participate. Please contact myself if you need any extra advice.

Please return the attached consent form, together with a cheque for £55 payable to 'Sackville School' by **Friday 31st January 2014**. Please contact me if you wish to pay in two or more instalments.

Yours sincerely

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