

Our Ref JP/EH/RMO

14th March 2024



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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Aware 2024
Training Day Date Change

I wrote to you in February sharing the dates for the Duke of Edinburgh training day and overnight camp. The date of the training day has now changed from Friday 10th May 2024 to **Thursday 9th May 2024**.

This change has occurred as Ms Hanson (Assistant Headteacher and DofE Lead) has been invited to Buckingham Palace to celebrate pupils in the Trust receiving their Gold Award on Friday 10th May 2024; something we hope to celebrate with your children in the future.

I can confirm the re-arranged dates for the training day and overnight camp are below:

	Dates	Times Pupils Must Be in School	Times Pupils Will Arrive Back to School from the Activity
Training Day	Thursday 9 th May 2024	8:30am	4:00pm
Assessed Overnight Camp Expedition	Friday 14 th June 2024 – Saturday 15 th June 2024	8:30am on Friday 14 th June 2024	Approx. 3:00pm on Saturday 15 th June 2024

I also want to remind you that in order for pupils to complete the award, and attend the overnight camp expedition, they must complete the three core sections:

- Volunteer Section
- Physical Section
- Skill Section

The Duke of Edinburgh award encourages pupils to be independent with their sections. However, Wednesfield Academy has lots of extra-curricular clubs available to pupils after school which pupils can take part in to meet the three core sections of the award.

Please visit www.dofe.org/do/sections to find out more information on the different sections of the award. If pupils do not attend Duke of Edinburgh Award sessions regularly, and/or fail to meet deadlines given, they will not be allowed to go on the expedition during the summer term.



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In the letter on 16th November 2023, we informed you that there is an additional cost of personal equipment to consider. All pupils will require walking boots, sleeping bag and roll mat, a large 65 litre rucksack, expedition clothing and food. However, if you are unable to purchase an item of appropriate clothing, walking boots, sleeping bag or an appropriately sized rucksack then please inform the school as we do have a limited amount of spare kit which can be lent to the pupils.

We do not sell the equipment through school but Go Outdoors has a Duke of Edinburgh Award range and staff will be able to advise you on the equipment that each participant needs. Other stores are also available to purchase equipment at, but as mentioned before, as a school we can lend kit, if you notify us in advance.

Should you have any queries, please contact Ms Hanson (Assistant Headteacher) by calling 01902 558222 or email postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk.

Yours faithfully



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Ms Hanson
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