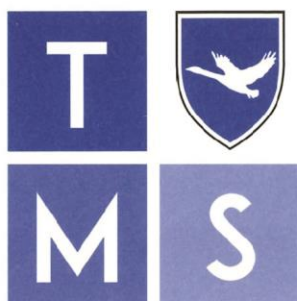


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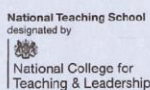
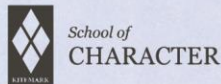
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3rd May 2022

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award – Restricted Space Expedition – Thursday 5th and Friday 6th May

As you are aware, as part of our Personal Development & Character Education curriculum at The Malling School, every Year 9 student participates in the Bronze DofE programme. Our students have been busy ensuring their skills, physical and volunteering sections are being completed and they have recently had Period 1 lessons to check this is being done.

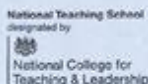
The Expedition part of the award is usually a two-day walk and camp but because of the legacy of Covid-19 this has not been possible. However, at The Malling School we still want our students to complete this important section of the award so have joined up with an Approved DofE Activity Provider (AAP) called 4th Dimension to deliver two-days of expedition activities without our students leaving the school grounds. This is referred to as a Restricted Space Expedition Model.

Our Year 9 students will be participating in their Restricted Space Expedition Model this week on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th May. All activities will take place on the school field and will be supervised by both qualified staff from 4th Dimension and our own school staff.

The expedition element of DofE has always been centred on teamwork rather than walking and navigation. We have therefore developed a two-day Bronze expedition that meets the 20 conditions of the programme so our students can pass this section of their Bronze Award.

Students will need to attend school as normal but will not need to wear school uniform on these days. I have listed what the students will need to be able to successfully participate in their Restricted Space Expedition.

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Students do not require all of the equipment normally associated with a DofE Expedition, but they should bring the following as a minimum:

1. Comfortable walking boots or trainers
2. Warm Clothing (students will be outside all day)
3. Spare jumper/fleece (in case of wet weather)
4. Packed lunch and water*
5. Personal Medication (Asthma Inhalers, EpiPen etc)
6. Sun Cream/Insect Repellent, weather dependant

**students in receipt of free school meals will be provided with this and any other equipment needed*

We are very much looking forward to these two-days; our students will face challenges that require them to make decisions, problem solve and work together as part of a team and show 'The Malling School Way'.

If you have any questions or queries then please email Mr Fielding, our Pastoral Leader of year 9 or myself.

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Yours sincerely

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