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2nd June 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Expedition Section

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze expeditions at St. Margaret's will be delivered by Addventure Awards Ltd. who are Accredited Activity Providers for the Award.

The Bronze expedition programme will be delivered in three separate blocks; a training day at school; a 2 day training/practice expedition; finally a 2 day qualifying (assessed) expedition. Your child is required to be registered with the Award and have an 'eDofE' login prior to joining an expedition. Further information about the registration requirements for DofE is available from school.

Saturday 11th July - Training Day - St Margaret's Sports Complex

- 09.00- 16.30
- Students need to bring outdoor clothing & footwear - **plus indoor footwear**
- A packed lunch/snacks/drinks for the day
- Students will receive an individual training syllabus/workbook/kit list

This will be an intensive day, with outdoor practical's, covering most aspects of the expedition syllabus. Candidates will plan also their qualifying expedition, developing route cards and tracings.

Cost: £25 per candidate

Training expedition 26th and 27th September (North Wales)

Candidates need to arrive fully prepared for a 2 day mountain expedition including an overnight camp.

Parents drop candidates off at Nant Mill Country Park, (LL11 3BT) near Wrexham, North Wales at 10.00 am on Saturday morning.

A Mountain Leader will be allocated to each expedition group; there will be a brief kit check before departure for a full day's navigation training on the hill.

Candidates will camp overnight, unaccompanied and remotely supervised. The following day candidates will get up, prepare breakfast, and leave camp. They will be unaccompanied, navigating and managing themselves to complete their practice expedition. Individual groups will be remotely supervised by experienced mountain leaders, with their locations centrally monitored. The all expeditions are planned to finish at 4 pm Sunday afternoon; parents are requested to collect participants at Treuddyn Village Hall, Queen Street, Treuddyn, CH7 4LU.

Cost: £60 per candidate

Dates for Qualifying Expedition – 10th and 11th October (North Wales)

Parents drop off candidates 9.30am at Llandeglla Fishery and Campsite, Ruthin Road (A525) Nr. Wrexham LL11 3AA

- Pre-expedition Kit check / route card check / safety brief with the Assessor
- Depart on expedition
- Camp overnight Llangollen area
- Parents to collect at 4.00pm on Sunday at Ty Mawr Country Park , Nr. Trevor, LL14 3PT)

Cost: £45 per candidate

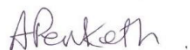
In addition to all of the above, students will need to register with the Duke of Edinburgh Awards programme, at a cost of £17.00.

The total cost of the whole Bronze Award is £147.00.

If you wish your son to take part in this Award and to secure his place, please complete the attached registration form, the reply slip (found on the letter from Addventure Awards Limited) and enclose a deposit of £25.00 (*cheques should be made payable to St Margaret's Academy*) by Thursday 11th June 2015.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely



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Director of Ethos & SMSC