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Dear Parents/Carers

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**Bronze Award Practice Expedition – Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 – Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017**

Firstly all of the students should be congratulated for their performance in the practice expedition last month. They all coped remarkably well.

As part of our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme, we will be undertaking our assessed expedition over the weekend of Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 to Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017.

Students need to be dropped off at Felixstowe Ferry Boat Inn (IP11 9RZ) on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July at 9.00am and picked up on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 3:00pm from Westerfield Station (IP6 9AA).

The students will walk from Felixstowe to Waldringfield via a series of checkpoints, camp overnight and then walk from Waldringfield to Westerfield on the Sunday. They will be self-sufficient for the entire weekend, carrying all of their own food, clothing, cooking equipment and tents. They will be met at various checkpoints along the way, where they can replenish their water supplies.

It is essential that students bring appropriate clothing and equipment for a two day outdoor expedition, expecting the weather to be hopefully warm and dry but please plan for all eventualities – all students have been briefed on appropriate clothing and been given a kit list. If we feel that any student is not properly equipped then for their own safety they will not be allowed to go. If any student is unsure of the suitability of the equipment they currently have, they should bring it along to a Thursday after school meeting to get advice from myself.

We do need to ask that a contribution of £25.00 per student is made towards our costs, with a cheque made payable to 'Stowmarket High School' for £25.00. Please complete and return the permission and medical information form attached, along with a cheque for £25.00 to Mr Wright no later than **Thursday, 8th June 2017**.

I will be carrying a mobile phone over the weekend and can be contacted on 07443 432408 in the event of an emergency. I hope this provides you with sufficient information but do not hesitate to contact me at school should you require any further details.

Yours sincerely

*Mr A Wright*

Mr A Wright  
D of E Co-Ordinator

Please return this reply slip and the completed medical information form attached to: Mr A Wright by **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**

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I enclose a cheque made payable to Stowmarket High School for the sum of £25.00.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Form:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_