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Dear Parent/Carer

**Duke of Edinburgh Award – Silver Expedition – updated date**

I am writing to update all participants and their families of the Silver Award Expedition.  This is scheduled to take place on Thursday 25th – Saturday 27st September 2025. The expedition is a requirement of the Duke of Edinburgh award and students will not be able to receive their award this academic year without its completion. If a student for any reason cannot make the date of this expedition, they may fulfil this requirement with a different centre or provider, or indeed with Brymore in the next academic year.

Teams will start their expedition from Brymore Academy on Thursday 25th September 9:30am.  Students should arrive on site at 8:30am in suitable clothing (not jeans) to ensure that there is time for the Expedition Assessor to approve their packs and equipment (see expedition guide). Please note that if for any reason a student arrives with incomplete or inappropriate equipment, they may be refused permission to participate in the expedition.  We will be staying at Kilve Court (TA5 1EA) on Thursday 25th September and Quantock Camping (TA4 3EP) on Friday 26th September. Students will finish the expedition at Blackmore Farm at approximately 4pm (students will call to confirm an accurate arrival time). Groups will have planned their itinerary for all three days and will walk independently with remote staff supervision.

**Equipment**

Please refer to the expedition handbook about the necessary equipment. Please note that the items which have been ticked will be provided by the school. If you are concerned about sourcing anything else, please can you indicate on the consent form as we can add this to the equipment already being hired.

All places on this expedition are subject to good behaviour, and the Senior Leadership Team have the right to withdraw a student from the expedition if any behavioural concerns could potentially affect the success of the expedition for the other participants. Emergency contact and medical information will be taken from information previously provided by you and held on the school’s management information system. It is therefore essential that you notify the office if this has changed.

If you have any queries, please contact Mr Walby at oliver.walby@brymoreacademy.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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