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Dear Families

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme

As part of our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme, we will be undertaking our practice expedition over the weekend of **Saturday 3 May to Sunday 4 May 2025**.

Students need to be dropped off at Needham Market Railway Station (IP6 8AS) in the far car park on Saturday at 9.00am and picked up on Sunday at 3:00pm from Battisford Free Church (IP14 2LZ)

The students will walk from Needham Market to Stowmarket via a series of checkpoints, camp overnight at the High School and then walk from Stowmarket to Battisford on the Sunday. They will be self-sufficient for the entire weekend, carrying all 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 2-day outdoor expedition expecting the weather to be cold and wet – 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. To avoid this happening 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.

I will be carrying a mobile phone over the weekend and can be contacted on 07443432408 in the event of an emergency. I hope this provides you with sufficient information but do hesitate to email me a.wright@stowhigh.com you require any further details.

The assessed expedition will be held over the weekend of Saturday 21 June to Sunday 22 June 2025

To enrol on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme will cost £28.50 due by Friday 20 December 2024 and to cover both the practice and the assessed expeditions, we do need to ask that a contribution of £30 per student is made towards our costs, due by 21 March 2025. Please log on to ParentPay to make the payments. If you need login details or require financial assistance, please contact the Educational Visits Coordinator on l.may@stowhigh.com.

Kind regards

Mr A Wright



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