



March 2018

Dear Parents

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

By now, your child should be well underway on their chosen Physical, Skill and Volunteering activities. They should be spending at least one hour every week on each activity, collecting evidence along the way. They should have already received a Welcome Pack containing their login details for the eDofE system where they can upload their evidence. They need to input details about their three sections and click submit for approval. When it is approved they must upload evidence to show what they are doing. They must also get a testimonial from a qualified, experienced, unrelated adult which acts as their assessor report.

Expedition Information

Earlier this term I held an assembly detailing the process for the Expedition section. The table below is a reminder of the key dates in the expedition process.

Bronze	Silver
17th March 2018 – Practice Walk, Caldbeck, Saturday 9am-1pm	17th March 2018 – Practice Walk, Caldbeck, Saturday 9am-1pm
28th April 2018 – Training Morning, Caldew School, Saturday morning 10am-1pm	28th April 2018 – Training Morning, Caldew School, Saturday morning 10am-1pm
12th – 13th May 2018 – Practice Expedition, Bassenthwaite, 9am Saturday – 4pm Sunday	28th – 30th June 2017 – Practice Expedition, Ullswater, 9am Thursday – 4pm Saturday
CHOICE OF 9th – 10th June OR 7th – 8th July 2018 – Assessed Expedition, Ullswater, 9am Sat. – 4pm Sunday	12th – 14th July 2017 – Assessed Expedition, Borrowdale, 9am Thursday – 4pm Saturday

Practice Walk

Before being entrusted to walk without supervision, each participant must undergo a programme of basic training. It is important that all students intending to do their expedition this year takes part in the training. This starts with the Practice Walk on Saturday 17th March. We will meet in the main car park by the river in Caldbeck at 9am and we aim to return to the car park for 1pm. Students should make their own arrangements to be dropped off and picked up at these times. If this is going to be a problem for anyone please let us know and we will try to arrange alternative transport.

Students will need suitable clothing for the weather conditions including full waterproofs, walking trousers (not jeans), walking boots with ankle support (not trainers), a spare warm layer and a small rucksack. Students should have snacks and at least 500 ml of water.

If you are happy for your child to participate in this trip please complete the form below and return it to Student Reception by Friday 9th March.

If you have any questions or would like any further information, do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is paul.sharpe@caldew.cumbria.sch.uk

The emergency contact number for the day of the trip and for subsequent expeditions will be 07582 681566.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Sharpe
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Coordinator

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DofE Practice Walk – Saturday 17th March 2018

Please hand in to Student Reception by Friday 9th March

Name of Child _____ Form _____

I give permission for my child to participate in this trip and will arrange to drop off and pick up my child as detailed in the letter.

Contact name and number for the day of the trip:

Please make a note of any change in medical conditions in the space below.