

Our ref: KSH/RKR

24 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh visit to the Peak District Tuesday 18 March 2025

We are delighted to confirm that your child has been allocated a place on the visit to the Peak District on Tuesday 18 March 2025 to practice their Bronze Expedition as part of the Duke of Edinburgh elective. The visit will provide students the opportunity to practice skills for the real expedition taking place on Saturday 26 to Sunday 27 April 2025. By attending this visit, students will access an exceptional learning experience. Students are required to meet at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy on Tuesday 18 March 2025 at 08:20 am and will leave the academy at 8:30 am, returning to the academy at approximately 4:30 pm. As the return time is after the end of the academy day, information regarding student dismissal will be taken from the consent form sent out earlier in the year.

Fieldwork experiences are an important part of the Duke of Edinburgh elective curriculum and allow students to experience specific skills beyond the classroom in a way that we cannot recreate within the academy; as such, we require all students to attend.

Due to the nature of the visit and potential changes in weather, students will not need to be in full school uniform. However, clothing and footwear worn should be comfortable and appropriate for the visit. Sensible walking shoes are also necessary due to the amount of walking planned for the day (trainers/walking boots would be appropriate). Students may wish to take boots with them to change into before arriving at the Peak District. It is advisable to have a change of footwear, plenty of water, and comfortable walking clothing for this visit. Students will also need a rucksack bag, in which they can carry equipment and additional clothing. Students will require a packed lunch for the day and money to purchase further food should they wish to do so; although this opportunity cannot be guaranteed. If the student is in receipt of Free School Meals, a packed lunch will be provided.

Students will be supervised by members of academy staff during the visit and there will be a trained first aider present as part of this supervision. If there are occasions on this visit where students are remotely supervised, students will be briefed ahead of the visit with the meeting points, times and details on how to contact a member of academy staff in the event of an emergency.

Please provide consent and medical information by accessing the form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/AP3CvRyaPC>.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Shaw
Inclusion Officer/ Instructor

