

Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition The Gower Wed 8th – Fri 10th June

Dear Parent,

As you will be aware, following the success of the recent practice expedition, your child will be undertaking their Silver DofE Qualifying expedition during the penultimate week of the Summer term: Wed 8th, Thur 9th & Fri 10th July.

Students will be walking in their teams of 6 or 7 that they have been planning their expedition in. They will be walking along the routes that they have planned for themselves under remote supervision by JKHS staff who will be their expedition Assessors. Teams will be departing from JKHS 06:00am on the Wednesday to head to The Gower. We hope that we will be able to return to JKHS by around 20:00 on the Friday evening, obviously there is some ambiguity surrounding this time given the fact that we will have to wait until the last team completes their expedition and we will have to travel back from Swansea on Friday evening.

Students depart JKHS 06:00

Students will be walking from Scurlage to Kennexstone on day 1, camping at:

Kennexstone Camping & Touring Park, Llangennith, Swansea SA3 1HS Tel: 01792 386790

W3W: ///sway.hung.lucky

On day 2 the students will walk from Kennexstone to Nicolaston, camping at:

Nicolaston Farm, Penmaen, Gower, Swansea, SA3 2HL Tel: 01792 371209

W3W: ///chief.nuptials.boots

On the final day the students will walk from Nicolaston back to Scurlage.

Students will then travel back to JKHS arriving approx. 20:00

Students will be provided with tents, stoves and fuel for their expedition, but they will be responsible for ensuring that between them they have all the kit required, both personal and team. Please see the full kit list attached. I have a small number of large (65L) rucksacks and a number of sleeping mats that I can lend to students if required (1st come, 1st served). Students will need to bring their packed rucksacks in for a kit check on Tuesday 7th July – rucksacks can be left in room 138 at the start of the day. Please note that students will need to take their rucksacks home again that day and bring them on the Wednesday morning. Rucksacks cannot be left overnight in school as we will be departing JKHS at 06:00am on the Wednesday morning. The purpose of this check is to ensure that each team has packed all of their required team kit items, that the distribution of team kit is allocated fairly and that no unnecessary items/weight is being carried by students.

Students will need to be self sufficient for the duration of their journey around The Gower, this will mean that they will need lunch and an evening meal on day 1 (Wed), breakfast, lunch and evening meal on day 2 (Thur) and breakfast & lunch on day 3 (Fri) + snacks & drinks. Please note that water will be available at each campsite and the supervising staff will have water available for students to

top up their own bottles en route. Could I please encourage you to talk with your child about what they are planning to eat and help them to understand the need to ensure that they have sufficient food (inc a reserve) to meet the calorific needs of 3 days of walking with a heavy pack!

Please note that whilst on their expedition students should not be carrying their mobile phones. Each team should nominate two group members to carry a phone for emergency use only, this will then be placed in a sealed bag. Ideally these two emergency phones will be on two different mobile networks in order to give the best possible chance of having signal.

The cost of the Silver Practice Expedition will be £75, this will cover the cost of transport to and from The Gower, the campsite fees and consumables such as meths etc. Payment should be made via Parentpay. I would be grateful if you could please complete the links MS Form below with up to date details for your child:

[JKHS DofE Student Data Collection Form - Silver Qualifying Expedition July 8th-10th – Fill in form](#)

All parents should be aware that attendance on the Silver DofE expedition is a privilege to be earned and not a right. If your child fails to meet the standards expected of a student at JKHS or is excluded from school at the time of the expedition, then their place on the expedition will be withdrawn at the discretion of the Headteacher.

Could you also please ensure that you and your child have signed and returned a copy of the JKHS DofE Code of Conduct:

[Code of Conduct for JKHS DofE](#)

All financial commitments for trips and visits are administered via ParentPay. If you do not have ParentPay, please contact finance@jkhs.org.uk to obtain your log in details. With every trip there is a financial commitment, and parents/ carers should be aware of the expectations in respect of this outlined in the school's Trips and Visits Guidance, a copy of which can be found on the school website. If you wish to request financial assistance for this trip, please email finance@jkhs.org.uk

Many Thanks in anticipation for your help with this, if you have any questions then please don't hesitate to get in touch – DofE@jkhs.org.uk . I am really looking forward to the practice expedition and I hope that the students are too!

Regards Mr Calderbank