

Bronze DofE Expedition Thur 18th – Fri 19th June

Dear Parent,

As you will be aware your child will be undertaking their Bronze DofE expedition later in the Summer term: Thur 18th & Fri 19th June.

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 from around 10:00am on the Thursday and will hopefully start to arrive at Grafton near Hereford W3W: //urban.become.chose from around 14:30 on the Friday.

Students will be walking from school o Hoarwithy on day 1. Can you please ensure that your child is in school at 'normal' time on Thursday 18th June.

Students will be camping on the Thursday night at:

Tresseck Campsite, Hoarwithy, Herefordshire HR2 6QH Tel: 07901 127097

On day 2 the students will walk from Hoarwithy to the Travel Lodge at Grafton, Hereford. You will need to collect your child from here on the Friday afternoon.

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 be self-sufficient for the duration of their journey, this will mean that they will need lunch and an evening meal on day 1 (Thur) and breakfast & lunch on day 2 (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 2 days of walking with a heavy pack!

Here are some possible options that you may wish to try before the expedition in order to prevent any surprises and risk insufficient fuelling:

[Wayfayrer - Camping Food Packs](#)

[Firepot Delicious and Nutritious Dehydrated Meals for Outdoor Pursuits](#)

[Products - Expedition Foods](#)

[Adventure Food | Adventure Food Packs | Base Camp Food](#)

In order to ensure that students have packed correctly and that the team kit is shared fairly across the whole team could you please ensure that packed rucksacks are brought into school on the day before the expedition – Wednesday 17th June. Rucksacks should be taken to Mr Calderbank's classroom, Rm138 in the Humanities block and grouped together by team, JKHS staff can then check them during the day. Rucksacks can be left in school overnight if the students prefer ready for the expedition the following day or collected from Rm138 at the end of the school day.

Please note that whilst on the 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. Students may wish to bring speakers to listen to music when they are relaxing post walk, but they should be reminded of the fact that they should not be listening to these whilst walking (fine to have to listen to music at the campsite so long as it doesn't disturb others and is off by 10:00pm). However, how will they be accessing their music? Remember – no phones!

The cost of the Bronze Expedition will be £30, this will cover the cost of the campsite fees and consumables such as meals 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:

[2026 JKHS DofE Student Data Collection Form - Bronze Expedition June 18th-19th – Fill in form](#)

All parents should be aware that attendance on the Bronze 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:

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 expedition and I hope that the students are too!

Regards Mr Calderbank