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**The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Expedition Dates
2007**

The hectic school year, means that the Autumn is the best time for me to train & run the D of E expeditions for our school.

There are open expeditions on offer all through the summer, which anyone can join, so other options are available if your son/daughter can't make the schedule outlined below.

We can only undertake expeditions during summer time, which gives us until the end of Oct. I also need to give the D of E; 4 weeks notice for a practise camps & 6 weeks for an assessed expeditions. The children have to plan their own routes. So things are possible but tight.

Those pupils who have completed the Ten Tors event, will have lots of experience & expertise under their belt already, but this needs to be refreshed & extended, so I still expect them to attend all the training events. If your son/daughter has not undertaken the Ten Tors event we need to do a lot more work to prepare them for the unaccompanied 2 days & 1 night expedition.

Other complications: teams must be between 4-8 pupils undertaking the same level, so at present it looks like we have one full Bronze team.

If anyone want to help me with the camps, following a group round by car & meeting them at checkpoints that would be a great help. No need to camp out, no need to do all of the days for a given expedition.

Orienteering, Exmoor Challenge, Abbots Way, D of E & Ten Tors make a logical progression in skills in that order.

Some pupils will have a lot of experience & training through the school, leading up to this activity.

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Proposed Training Schedule

First Meeting

Thu. 6th Sep. 9:15am

Theory lesson, 08:45am to 9:45am

- ? Fri. 7th Sep.
- ? Mon. 10th Sep.
- ? Tue. 11th Sep.

Training Walks:

- ? Sat. 8th Sep. Leave school 8am, return 5pm

Training Camp

- ? Bronze Wed. 12th Sep. 4pm to Fri. 14th Sep. 9am

Assessed camp:

- ? Bronze: Sat. 13th to Sun. 14th Oct.
New date, being negotiated with 'Outposts Adventure' Bridgwater
www.outposts.co.uk

It is difficult to arrange assessments, I am an assessor, but I'm not allowed to assess a group I have trained.

Luckily, we have a good relationship with the area organiser & the assessment is organised through him, he assess my group I assess his.

Contact:

- ? If you give me your e-mail/s I can keep you updated on the next walk + send you copies of the route etc
- ? Home mobiles numbers, I find the easiest way for me to keep in touch on the walks is so send out group text messages, giving you ETA for finish etc.
- ? Is the school contact sheet up-to-date?
We need it in worst case scenarios, we don't want to find we have out-of-date info on them.

My details are:

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