



THE KING'S SCHOOL

GRANTHAM

April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well. I am writing to you as I believe that your son is enrolled on the Silver Duke of Edinburgh course with [BXM Outdoors](#). This is a letter intended as an update on the current situation with the Duke of Edinburgh Silver award. I am very sorry for the delay in this letter going out, this has been caused by the lack of initial information around trips and Covid-19 from the Department for Education and a member of staff who oversaw the DofE course. All staff from the King's School involved in extra curricular trips are volunteers and it has taken some time to ensure that we have enough volunteers to cover the rearranged expeditions. It is really good to know that we are now able to offer the new Silver dates.

The rearranged date for the practice expedition has been confirmed by BXM as:

Arrival	Departure
10:00 on Saturday 26 June 2021	15:00 on Monday 28 June 2021
Eyebrook Reservoir Car Park, The Grange Main Street, Stoke Dry, LE15 9JG. Grid Reference: GR: 853 964	Far Markhams Wood Car park, Fineshade, Corby, NN17 3BB. Grid Reference: 979 984

The rearranged date for the qualifying expedition has been confirmed by BXM as:

Arrival	Departure
10:00 on Saturday 03 July 2021	15:00 on Monday 05 July 2021
Buxton County Park, Buxton SK17 6UJ. Grid Reference: 49 719	Middleton To Car Park, B5035, Middleton, DE4 4LS. Grid Reference: 275 553

Prior to the training session you will have to complete a BXM medical form. This is administered by BXM electronically via an email to yourselves. BXM then will be in touch directly with the necessary link.

Should any of the information requested by BXM change prior to the expeditions please contact either myself.

Cancellation

I have spoken to BXM about cancellation for students who are unable to attend the new dates. BXM will offer students a place on one of their 'open' expeditions if they are unable to make the new dates.

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BXM Expedition's cancellation policy:

"BXM Expeditions must have 4 weeks' notice of any cancellation or withdrawal from the award in order to receive a refund. Refunds are not given for events already attended or within 4 weeks of notification. For example if a participant attends a training day and decides to not continue with the expedition section of the award and the Practice and Qualifying expedition are more than 4 weeks away a refund will be given for the Practice and Qualifying expeditions. If the Practice expedition is 3 weeks away from the notification and the Qualifying is 5 weeks away, a refund will be given for the Qualifying expedition but not the Practice."

Hopefully this has outlined the necessary information you need at this stage and if you require more specific information about the various sections please refer to the scheme's excellent website at www.dofe.org which gives lots of information including it lists and packing information.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Pickett
Head Master