

Cardinal Pole Catholic School

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5th June 2014

Dear Parent/Carer,

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Training Expedition: 14th - 17th July 2014

As part of your child's commitment to the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Silver Award they need to complete a training expedition and qualifying expedition. The school plans to take the students on their training expedition to the Brecon Beacons near Abergavenny in Wales from the 14th to the 17th July 2014. Students will be walking, hiking and learning how to navigate through some challenging terrain. Providing the training for the students will be a company called *Indie Outdoors* who are an Approved Activity Provider for DofE expeditions. The students will also be accompanied by James Allison the Head of Sixth Form and a female member of staff.

To support the students towards their Silver Award, the school is substantially subsidising the cost of both the training and qualifying expeditions. The cost therefore to each student would be £130.

The cost of £130 covers the following:

- One day's training in school on the 12th June 2014 provided by *Indie Outdoors*
- The training expedition from the 14-17th July 2014 (this covers *Indie Outdoors* staff costs, travel costs and campsite fees)
- The qualifying expedition (dates tbc- expected to be a weekend in mid-September)

The school will provide backpacks, tents, sleeping bags, roll mats, maps and cooking equipment for the students to use during the expeditions. Students need to ensure that they have a range of appropriate clothing for hot/cold/wet weather and sturdy footwear for walking.

A more expansive checklist of what to bring on the expedition will be provided to the students on the in-school training day. We will also write to you in due course with final travel details and contact numbers.

Students are welcome to pay the £130 in two instalments.

Payment 1: £65 due by the 23/06/14

Payment 2: £65 due by the 08/07/14

Yours sincerely,

Mr Allison
Head of Sixth Form

Permission Slip

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Training Expedition 14th - 17th July 2014

I, the parent/carer of _____ in form _____ give permission for my child to attend the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Training Expedition on the 14th - 17th July 2014. I confirm that I will pay the first instalment by the 23/06/2014 and the second instalment by 08/07/2014.

Name of parent/carer (please print): _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Headteacher: Ms J Heffernan

