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Dear Parent,

EXPEDITIONS – Michaelmas 2021

I am writing to inform you of this term's three day expedition destinations for Tuesday 19th October to Thursday 21st October 2021. Your son/daughter will be informed in detail of their individual expedition, but this letter is to apprise you of the timings and general overview of those staff in charge.

Arts Award - Mr M Horton: The group will be engaged in College based workshops on the Tuesday and Wednesday, with a trip out to Theatre Clwyd on Thursday. Pupils will depart college at 9.00am on Thursday and return at approximately 5.45pm. Pupils will not be out overnight during the expedition days.

Green Team - Mrs C Empson: Green Team will be doing a series of trips in and around the local Shropshire County area. The expedition departs college at 9.00am and returns at 5.00pm each day. Buses are running as usual for day pupils.

DofE Gold Canoe – Mr J Underhill: There are two Gold canoe groups this year: A Year 12 group and a Year 13 group.

Year 12 – Tues/Wed/Thurs: Three day intensive canoe training and capsizing drills on the River Severn at Shrewsbury. This expedition leaves at 8.30am and returns for 5.30pm each day, and is not out overnight. Full change of clothes, towel and appropriate clothing needed; packed lunches provided. Buses are running as usual for day pupils.

Year 13 – Mon/Tues/Wed/Thur: Final 4 day assessed expedition on the River Severn from Ardleen to Ironbridge. This expedition departs on the Monday morning, leaving at 8.30am and returning for approximately 5.30pm each day (return time may vary depending on group progress each day). Full change of clothes, towel and appropriate clothing needed; packed lunches provided.

DofE Silver - Dr R Hansford: The practice group (Year 10's) will be doing a walking expedition, and will be out overnight on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th – they will be back in school Thursday 21st October to complete their practice presentation. Day pupils can go home on the buses at 5.30pm on the Thursday.

The Assessed group (Year 11's) will do three full days walking, and will be out overnight on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th. The expedition will aim to be back for normal end of school pick up time on Thursday 21st October. Pupils will also complete a presentation and clean equipment on Friday and have been excused from lessons on Friday morning to do so (but they will need to be in school uniform).

Both expos will happen in and around Betws-y-Coed in Snowdonia.

DofE Bronze - Mrs J Evans: The Bronze group will do a planned walk from Llandegla to Llangollen on Tuesday, then camp overnight in the area. On Wednesday, the group will walk out of camp towards Chirk and eventually return to college for approximately 5.00pm that afternoon. When buses will run as usual for day pupils. Thursday will be in College doing a series of team building activities.

CCF Cadets – Mr M Clewlow:

All Year 9 cadets in the Army, Navy, and RAF Sections will attend Duke of Edinburgh Tri-Service training at Quinta for the full three expedition days.

Year 10 Army cadets will take part in a target sports CADRE in College. Day pupils will be able to go home on buses at the end of each day.

Year 11 cadets will be doing the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Practice Expedition in the Shropshire Hills. The group will camp overnight on Tuesday and Wednesday, and will return to College for 5.00pm on Thursday afternoon.

Year 12 cadets will be assisting in the delivery of the Years 9-10 expeditions as the culmination of their Methods of Instruction Course. NCOs are aware of their individual tasking and their arrangements will be as per the Year group they are with.

Year 13 cadets will be doing Tri-Service Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award in the Berwyns. This departs on Monday as per the College calendar and their joining instructions.

CCF RAF – Mr J Haycock: The Year 10 RAF Section will be following a range of College based activities. Day pupils can return home on buses at the end of each day.

CCF Navy – Mr D Bottom: The Year 10 Navy Section are planning to do sailing training and activities on Whitemere (to be confirmed). They will depart daily from College and normal school start and finish times apply and buses are running as usual for day pupils.

Equipment suggestions:

If your child is in middle and senior school and part of the Activity programme they will, at some stage need to have: sleeping bag and mat, Ruck sac to carry all possessions for DofE, sturdy walking boots especially if they are doing DofE.

Tents will be provided as will cookers but if your child would prefer to obtain their own cooker then please ask the activity leader to suggest the most suitable type. (Gas rather than methane).

Year 11 Leadership – Mrs M Reynolds: The Leadership expedition will be going off site for two days: Tuesday 19th to Liverpool Museums, and Thursday 21st to Manley Mere in Cheshire, and will be doing team leadership training on site on Wednesday 20th. Normal school start and finish times apply and buses are running as usual for day pupils.

Tennis – Mr S Welti: Tennis players will be doing training sessions in College each day, with short excursions out into the local area in the afternoons, returning in time for buses. Those involved will receive a letter from Mr Welti.

Swimmers – Mr P Remmonds: The two Senior swimming squads will continue with their usual training sessions and be involved in a range of on-site swim related educational sessions during the three days of expos. Pupils who are involved will be on site each day from 8.30am - 5.30pm. Swimmers who are in the Trident squad will attend their other non-swimming year group expeditions. Normal school start and finish times apply and buses are running as usual for day pupils.

Golf – Mr I Williams/Mr R Ashbrook: Golfers will be involved in a match at Blackwell Golf Club on Tuesday 19th October. They will be playing at Conway Golf Club on Wednesday 20th October and at the Hill Valley Golf Club on Thursday 21st October. Normal school start and finish times apply and buses are running as usual for day pupils.

Lower School

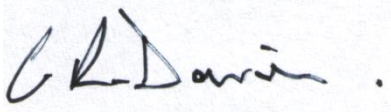
Lower School pupils will follow a series of one day experiences and will be able to depart school at the usual time of 5.30pm each evening, (unless they are boarders). Year 7 pupils are in school on Tuesday, but out at PGL for two nights, returning on Friday.

Lower School expo's:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Years 3/4	Enginuity Ironbridge	Cadbury World	Shrewsbury Museum	
Year 5	Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre Stone Age Workshop	Cadbury World	Shrewsbury Museum	
Year 6	Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre Orienteering	Cadbury World	Styal Mill	
Year 7	In School Activities	PGL	PGL	PGL
Year 8	Castles Trip North Wales	Thinktank Museum Birmingham	Black Country Museum	

Please be aware that there may be some variation on the day that the activity takes place during the expedition period, but if you have any issues with these activities please contact Mrs S Morgan.

Yours sincerely,

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