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Dear Parent/Carer,

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Extra Training and Practice Camp and Hike – 16-17 May 2025

On Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, The Education People (TEP) will be running two mandatory after-school training sessions (3.30-4.30pm). All students are required to attend these training sessions.

On Friday 16 to Saturday 17 May, TEP will be running a compulsory practice and training overnighter at Downe Adventure Centre.

All students participating in this event will be required to dress appropriately and wear walking boots. They will be carrying a rucksack containing clothes for the trip, sleeping bag, wet weather gear, their food for their team, and a full water bottle and outdoor clothes.

On Friday 16 May, all teams will meet on the school field at start of period 4 (12.05pm). They will be organised into their teams before setting off on their accompanied hike to Downe Adventure Centre.

All teams are required to bring a packed lunch for Friday plus food for the duration of this expedition, thus being able to cook an evening meal, breakfast and lunch with emergency snacks. Tents and Trangias will be issued at Downe Camp, and school staff will be on hand should any issues arise.

Just to reiterate, this is a mandatory training overnighter to Downe Adventure camp with further training on arrival at the centre.

The finish point and collection will be at High Elms Country Park, BR6 7JH on Saturday afternoon. After completing an unaccompanied hike, students will be debriefed before being able to call parents to be collected. Due to limited space please do not arrive early and park!

Should you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at aandrews@newsteadwood.co.uk or 01689 853626 Ext 340 (Wed-Fri only).

Further information regarding the award can also be found on the [DofE website](https://www.dofe.org/).

Yours sincerely,

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