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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions**

As part of your child's Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award, they will be participating in a practice and an assessment expedition. The expedition dates scheduled are:

Friday 13 June – Monday 16 June (Peak District)

Friday 19 September – Sunday 21 September (Suffolk)

Unfortunately, there is a clash with the external exam timetable in June and therefore Y11 students will be unable to attend the Peak District weekend. In light of this, Y10 students will complete their practice in the Peak District and their assessed expedition in Suffolk as planned. Y11 students will complete their practice in Suffolk and be invited to attend the Peak District for their assessment in 2026.

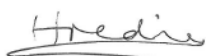
Any Y11 student who does not stay at Taverham Sixth Form will still be able to attend these expeditions if they wish to. However, they will also be able to continue their award completion at another centre if they would prefer. Any expeditions completed will not need to be repeated at the new centre.

Irrespective of the change in plans, all route planning for both expeditions will need to be completed by the end of this academic year. Therefore Y11 students may be expected to come back into school to finish this after the exam season ends. If groups do not prepare their routes, they will not be able to attend the expedition. Similarly, if those students who are direct entrants (those who have not completed their Bronze expedition), have not completed sufficient training then they will not be able to attend.

There are a number of students who are currently at risk of not being invited on expedition; their attendance is vital for the remaining lunch time and after school sessions. I will email those concerned directly.

Payment details for the expeditions will be shared after the Easter holidays, but if you have any other questions in the meantime then please get in touch via [h\\_reding@taverhamhigh.org](mailto:h_reding@taverhamhigh.org)

Yours faithfully



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