



09 June 2026

Dear Families

Duke of Edinburgh: Silver Training and Qualifying Expeditions

I hope you've had a wonderful week. We are very excited that our students will soon be undertaking their Silver Training and Qualifying Expeditions. To ensure everyone is fully prepared for the weekend of Saturday 27 June 2026 - Sunday 28 June 2026, please find the final details and schedules below. We are keeping our fingers crossed for clear skies and sunshine!

1. Training Expedition: Saturday 27 June 2026 – Sunday 28 June 2026

Saturday 27 June 2026: Drop-off

- **Time:** 10.00am
- **Location:** Deers Leap Park, St. Hill Green, East Grinstead, RH19 4NG
- **Traffic Note:** With so many students participating, we kindly ask that you car-share within expedition groups where possible to help limit congestion.

Overnight Camping

- Students will be camping at Deers Leap Campsite (RH19 4NG).

Sunday 28 June 2026: Pick-up

- **Location:** Sackville School
- **Time:** From 1.30pm onwards. Arrival times depend heavily on how early groups depart the campsite in the morning. Students will be permitted to contact parents once they have a confirmed arrival time at school.

Kit, catering and mobile phones

- **Equipment:** Tents and cooking stoves will be provided by the school. Students must bring all other personal items as per the official DofE kit list. [DofE Kit List](#)
- **Food and water:** Students are responsible for their own catering. They must bring enough food for Saturday's lunch, a substantial evening meal to cook on Saturday night, and breakfast for Sunday morning.
- **Mobile phones:** To ensure a true expedition experience, phones are not permitted for general use. Upon arrival, they must be switched off and handed to the expedition leader. They will be kept in a secure place and handed back to students at the final checkpoint on Day two so they can coordinate their pick-up with you.

2. Qualifying Expedition: Friday 02 October 2026 – Sunday 04 October 2026



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

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Further details for the qualifying expedition will be communicated closer to the time. However, to help you plan ahead, please note that this three-day expedition will take place near Brighton. It will feature slightly more challenging routes over the three days, and students will be camping at two different sites over the weekend.

We look forward to supporting your child through this incredibly rewarding challenge. If you have any further questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As outlined in our Culture for Learning policy, on rare occasions we may have to remove a student from a trip who is unable to meet our high expectations or whose behaviour puts themselves or others at risk.

Yours sincerely

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Duke of Edinburgh Leads

