

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and that this email finds you well. We are excited to get back into the swing of things with the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The students have been doing brilliantly, and we're looking forward to what lies ahead!

1. Sections Progress

As some students have now completed 13 weeks in their 3-month section, these can start to come to a close if the required duration has been achieved. Students have been guided on how to log and complete their sections on the Google Classroom page, where all scenarios are clearly explained. Please encourage your child to follow these steps to finalise their sections when ready.

2. Final Practice Walk

As per the recent letter, our *final* practice walk will take place on **Saturday, 1st February, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.**

- The students will be walking in the local area in their teams, guided by their leaders.
- We will finish back at the school site, ready for collection at **12:00 noon.**
- If you wish for your child to walk home after the practice walk, please email me at c.hewitt@fareham-academy.co.uk to give your permission.

Please note there was an error in the main letter sent last term. This **will be the last practice walk, and no further practice walks are scheduled.**

For this walk, we ask that students are equipped as though it were an actual expedition:

- Walking boots
- Backpacks
- Correct clothing
- Water
- Snacks (very important!)

We truly believe that practice makes perfect, and being prepared now will make the expedition experience much easier and more enjoyable. The DofE is all about fun, and we are working hard to ensure the students have just that!

3. Expedition Preparation

We're excited to re-share the dates for the upcoming expeditions:

- **Training Expedition:** 17th–18th May
- **Qualifying Expedition:** 7th–8th June

A full kit list has already been sent out, however students can collect another copy if required.

I will also email you in the coming weeks with the date for the *Parents' Evening* regarding the expeditions. We highly recommend attending, as it will be packed with essential information to ensure your child is fully prepared.

4. Support and Monitoring

We want both you and your child to feel supported every step of the way. If you or your child have any concerns, challenges, or questions about completing any part of the award, please reach out to me at c.hewitt@fareham-academy.co.uk

5. Parent Involvement

While this award is designed to develop self-sufficiency and independence, we greatly appreciate your involvement in encouraging your child to stay on track. A quick check-in with their progress can go a long way. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, worries, or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to the exciting events ahead and to seeing the students achieve their goals with confidence and enthusiasm.

Kind regards,
Miss Hewitt

DofE Manager