

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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6th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition 2026 – reminder

This is a reminder of the arrangements for the DofE assessed weekend expedition taking place this weekend, **9th-10th May 2026**.

We have your consent along with your child's medical conditions and home contacts following the practice expedition. If any of these have changed, please get in touch by email to KS4Admin@shsb.org.uk as soon as possible this week.

The boys should arrive ready to walk at the **Hatfield Peverel Village Hall** (what3words – model.tour.thank) on Saturday. They should arrive with their rucksacks packed following guidance they have already been given. Students will need to **arrive at 9:00am for groups 1-4 (training with Mr Sweeting), 9:20am for groups 5-8 (training with Mr Baker) and 9:40am for groups 9-12 (training with Miss Sandford)**.

As the weather forecast for the Danbury area is for warm temperatures, but with a chance of rain especially on Sunday, students should be mindful of this when they are packing, so that they include a hat, suncream, plenty to drink as well as their waterproof jacket and sturdy footwear. No student will be allowed to walk if they do not have a raincoat, a sleeping bag, an appropriate amount of water (about 2L) and a first aid kit with any necessary medication as indicated on the medical form.

Students will not be able to use their mobile phones during the expedition. We ask that all groups have at least **one mobile phone available in case of emergencies**. These will be taped into a waterproof bag and will not be opened unless needed. Students who bring mobile phones will be able to phone their parents to let them know a more accurate finishing time on the Sunday, and the school phone will be available for those that don't. Groups that wish to take photographs during the expedition may do so on a mobile phone, but will need to remove the SIM card. Any phones brought on expedition are at the owner's risk.

We estimate the finishing time to be around **14:00-15:00 on the Sunday**, but please do not leave home until your son has called you, as this is only an estimate and as some of you will know from the Practice the actual time can be much later. Collection will be from **Bicknacre Memorial Hall** (what3words – match.wedge.snuggled) on the Sunday. Please be aware that when your son's group arrives they will have a 5-10 minute debrief before being dismissed and will need their full kit on them for this, so please wait for them to come to you.



If you have any questions, please contact me via KS4admin@shsb.org.uk .

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sweeting
DofE Manager