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Date: 6 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to share details of our upcoming DofE (B Troop) and Adventurous Training Weekend (A Troop), taking place **from Friday 17th to Sunday 19th April 2026** at Between Rivers Camping, Sykehouse.

This weekend provides an excellent opportunity for all cadets—junior and senior—to develop resilience, independence, and outdoor skills in a supportive and structured environment.

#### Bravo Troop – Assessed Bronze DofE Expedition

B Troop cadets will be completing their assessed Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition. They will be:

- Fully self-reliant for the duration of the weekend
- Navigating their planned routes
- Camping independently
- Cooking their own meals using expedition stoves
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This is a key milestone in their DofE journey, and staff assessors will be supporting their progress throughout.

#### Alpha Troop – Adventurous Training & Navigation Weekend

A Troop will take part in a practical navigation and basic AT skills weekend, including:

- Use of a compass and map
- Actions to take when lost
- How to remain self-sustaining during AT activities
- Practical outdoor skills and confidence-building exercises

This weekend is designed to give them a strong foundation as they progress through the CCF training syllabus.

#### Senior Troops (C & D Troop) – Leadership, Navigation & Support Roles

Our senior cadets will be volunteering to support junior troops while also developing their own skills, including:

- Higher-level navigation
- Leadership in the field



- Supporting B Troop with expedition supervision roles
- Running the radio communications net
- Camping and cooking on Trangias (all food provided)

Additionally, **C–D Troop cadets** may choose to have a meal in the pub's private room on Saturday night. This is:

- Entirely optional
- Paid for privately by the cadet
- Not part of the camp fee

### **Cost and Payment:**

**The cost of the weekend is £35 per cadet**, which includes:

- Transport
- Tent hire
- Gas/fuel
- Food for the entire weekend
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Payment deadline: Thursday 26th March 2026 – **As your cadet is on our pupil premium list only consent is required.**

### Support for Year 11 Cadets

We fully understand that Year 11 students may wish to revise as they prepare for upcoming exams. If required, we can provide:

- A quiet area for revision
- Suitable time set aside during the camp schedule

Cadets should bring any revision materials they feel they need.

### Final Notes

This promises to be an exciting, rewarding, and highly valuable weekend for all involved. The experience will help develop confidence, independence, teamwork, and outdoor capability across all troops.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

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