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Ref: RHU/CWA

Date: 27 February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer of

I am writing with details of the Silver Award practice and assessed expedition. We have two weekends planned, the practice expedition in Hope Valley from Friday 17th April-Sunday 19th April and the assessed expedition in the Bakewell area from Friday 12th June-Sunday 14th June.

I have included the following as part of this letter:

Itinerary Practice

Itinerary Expedition

Food

Packing list (including items that may be rented from the school at a cost)

Expectations

Itinerary Practice

Thursday 16th April 3pm

Students need to collect their group kit from school and divide it up between the team.

Friday 17th April

- Students need to meet at Hathersage station at 09.35. We suggest that students get the train from Penistone at 07.43 that arrives at 09.32. This helps students to develop their independence skills, it is nice if they travel together. We are aware that trains can be delayed/cancelled this will not impact their expedition.
- Once students have arrived at Hathersage they will set off on staggered starts to walk in groups of 4-7 on pre-planned routes.
- 17:00 (approx.) Students arrive at the campsite, set up camp and cook their evening meals.

Saturday 18th April

- 7.00 - 8.00: Breakfast, pack up camp.
- 8:00: Students walk in groups of 4-7 on pre-planned route.
- 16:00 (approx.) Student arrive at their second campsite, set up camp and cook evening meals.

Sunday 19th April



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- 7.00 - 8.00: Breakfast, pack up camp.
- 8:00: Students walk in groups of 4-7 to pre-planned end point of Edale station.
- 16:00(Approx) Students need to arrange their own transport home. We suggest that they book the 16:30 train from Edale to Penistone.

Campsite details

Students will camp for two nights on this expedition. Both campsites are easily accessible. They have pot washing facilities and good, clean toilets and showers.

Students will be camping on the Friday night at:

Pindale Farm, Pindale Road, Hope, Hope Valley, S33 6RN. Telephone 01433 620111

<https://www.pindalefarm.co.uk/>

and on the Saturday night at:

Rowter Farm, Castleton, Hope Valley, S33 8WA. Telephone 01433 620271

<https://rowterfarmcampsite.yolasite.com/>

Itinerary Assessed

Friday 12th June

- 07:00 Staff will meet pupils in the school car park. Please do not be late. We will check students' food, water, kit, clothing and rucksack mass are appropriate. Take coach to Hassop Station in the Peak District.
- 08:30 (approx.): Walk to White House Farm Campsite
- 17:00 (approx.) Students arrive at the campsite, set up camp and cook their evening meals.

Saturday 13th June

- 7.00 - 8.00: Breakfast, pack up camp.
- 8:00: Students walk in groups of 4-7 on pre-planned route.
- 16:00 (approx.) Student arrive at their second campsite, set up camp and cook evening meals.

Sunday 14th June

- 7.00 - 8.00: Breakfast, pack up camp.
- 8:00: Students walk in groups of 4-7 to pre-planned end point of Hassop station.
- 16:00(Approx) Students will be collected by the bus.
- 17:30(Approx) Students picked up from school car park, or to walk home if they live locally. They will be able to contact you on their journey back to confirm pick up times.



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Students will be camping on the Friday night at:

White House Farm Campsite, Wardlow, Derbyshire, SK17 8RP

<https://www.whitehousefarmcampsitewardlowpeakdistrict.com/>

and on the Saturday night at:

Mandale Campsite, Haddon Grove Over Haddon DE45 1JF
01629 812416

<https://www.mandalecampsite.co.uk/contact-us/>

Food

Students will have planned their food in the Wednesday P5 school sessions or their Cadet sessions.

Students should bring **all** the food with them that they will need, and a sturdy, full water container which carries at least a litre. They will need sufficient food for three packed lunches, 2 breakfasts and two cooked evening meals on the Friday and Saturday nights, and some high energy emergency rations such as nuts, dried fruit or Kendal mint cake, which they shouldn't eat until they are finished. They will be provided with Trangia stoves to cook hot food with (we will supply them with fuel) prior to the expedition. The students will have received training on the food required for the expedition and how to prepare a hot meal using a Trangia stove safely.

Costs

Students will not need any money with them. However on their assessed expedition they do finish at a café and some students have celebrated finishing with an ice-cream.

Students will be asked to complete a form on teams if they intend to borrow school equipment.

Mobile phones

Part of the reasons for the award is to engineer greater independence in young people. This extends to our mobile phone policy on expeditions.

Students will be able to carry their mobile phones in case of emergency. These will be put into a plastic bag



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that is sealed with tape, so they do not use them unless it is an emergency.

Please do not expect contact with your child. If you need to contact them in case of emergency, I have included the school phone number below.

Telephone numbers

School mobile number (carried by staff on the expedition): 07547 213155

Weather/Kit

Students should ensure they pack for all eventualities. If the night time is very clear, temperatures may drop very low. It is really important that the students have a warm, dry sleeping bag and dry clothes to change into at night, can I ask you to ensure that these items are well packed in dry bags/ thick plastic bags (rubble bags or thick garden waste bags are better for this, black bin bags have been known to leak when students have used these in the past).

Students should refer to the kit list (included below) to ensure they are properly prepared and are aware that they are to be completely self-reliant. Students should have an effective sunscreen SPF30 or greater and a sun hat. All items that are highlighted will be provided by school as part of the expedition costs.

Remote Supervision

Students will be remotely supervised throughout the expedition. They will be carrying GPS trackers that give us an accurate location. They will also have regular check-ins from staff. Students are expected to follow the countryside and highway code while on expedition.

Behaviour

Students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner as ambassadors of the school. Students will need to follow instructions from staff. Should the conduct of a student in the lead up to, or during the visit, be deemed either unacceptable or likely to put the health, wellbeing, safety and/or enjoyment of other students on the trip at risk, the Principal reserves the right to withdraw that student's place from the visit, or they may be returned home prior to the end of the visit. All school policies will be in place during the visit. Road safety will be taken very seriously.

Consent

Please provide consent via parent pay, On giving consent you are agreeing to your child taking part in the above activity and have read the information provided agreeing to his/her participation in the activities described. You are also agreeing to your child receiving any emergency medical treatment that may be deemed necessary. If there are any exceptions to this, please provide us with the necessary information in writing. We need permission for photos for school use, medical information and parent consent.

Payment



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We can now confirm that the total cost for Silver this year is £170. You have already paid a £30.50 deposit.

This does not include students travel expenses for the practice expedition or their food which they need to source themselves. If students hire equipment from school, there will be an additional cost of £4 for a rucksack and £2 for a roll mat. These items will be added to ParentPay closer to the expedition.

Payment will be via ParentPay.

Financial support may be available for some students for this trip. Please contact school to discuss if required.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 01226 762114 or email me at rhunter@penistone-gs.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Hunter