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DofE Qualifying Expedition: Wednesday 1 – Thursday 2 May

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are happy to inform you that the details for the qualifying expedition for the 2024 DofE cohort have been finalized.

We will be leaving the academy Wednesday 1 May in the morning during the school day and returning at approximately 3pm Thursday 2 May. The students should arrive at the academy in full walking clothes ready to set off after collecting school equipment.

The groups will be departing during period 1 and after the first day's walk will arrive at Calderdrift Scout Campsite (5-6 hour later). The following morning students will break camp early and return to the academy by approximately 3pm ready for you to pick them up. If alternative return travel arrangements are required, please could these be confirmed in writing prior to students starting the trip.

The only cost to yourselves is £3.50 per student which covers the cost of the campsite for the night **this was covered in the camping deposit at the start of the course.**

In line with DofE policy the students should plan and provide their own food/menu including snacks and drinks, although basic cooking equipment (Trangia stove) will be provided. Adequate water for a full day walk should be carried (approx. 1.5-2L).

A full kit list is available from: <https://www.dofe.org/shopping/dofe-expedition-kit-list/>

There is also a range of information available on the DofE teams which the students are all aware of.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact trip leader Mr. Syrett via email: syrettr@dartonacademy.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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