

May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Silver DofE Award – Paddling Expedition 2023

Thank you for your deposit and first instalment for the Paddling expedition with OceanRock. The final instalment of £110 is due by 28th April. I am writing to confirm details of the Expedition and the times, transport and locations involved. I also attach the Powerpoint used by OceanRock at the Parents' information session, in case you were unable to attend. This has been updated to confirm the Paddling training date change and the transport arrangements below.

Paddling Training – Sharpness Canal – Groups 1 and 2

Tuesday 13th June Leave school in the minibus at 13:30 to drive to Purton to meet OceanRock instructors. Paddling on the Sharpness Canal until 18:00 and then return to school at approximately 19:00.

Participants should take a drink and a snack, as well as their swimming costume and a towel, as they will be practicing capsizing at the end of the session! There are no changing facilities, but I can provide the minibus. It would be sensible to change into swimming costumes (under clothes) at lunchtime. They will be provided with wetsuits and all other paddling equipment by OceanRock.

Practice Expedition – River Severn

08:45 Fri 30th June Meet at Thomas Keble. Mr Acton and I will be driving the minibuses to the 11:30am drop-off point at Llandrinio. Meet OceanRock and start the practice expedition.

14:00 Sun 2nd July Collection by parents from Frankwell car park, Shrewsbury SY3 8HB.

Assessed Silver Expedition – River Wye

09:00 Fri 6th Oct Meet at Thomas Keble. Again, the students will be driven in the minibuses to the 11:00am drop-off point at Preston-on-Wye. Meet OceanRock and start the Assessed expedition.

14:30 Sun 8th Oct Collection by parents from Tresseck Campsite, Hoarwithy, Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 6QH.

All participants should have completed all 3 of their other sections (Volunteering, Physical and Skill) by the time they go on the Practice Expedition, with the exception of the 12 month section for Direct Entrants.

If you need further information please email ccarpenter@thomaskeble.gloucs.sch.uk or contact me at school.

Could I ask you to complete the attached consent/medical form for OceanRock and return it to me as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Carpenter
DofE Award Group Manager