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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Weekend: 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

The Duke of Edinburgh practice weekend is fast approaching, and as such I wanted to write with some practical details.

The Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice weekend will be taking place at Blackland Farm Outdoor Centre, Grinstead Lane, East Grinstead, RH19 4HP [Home - Blackland Farm Outdoor Centre](#).

Students are required to camp for 2 nights and to complete 2 full days of activity for the practice weekend. They will need to meet at Blackland Farm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 17.00 to set up camp. If there is a problem getting to the site for this time, please let me know in advance and by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at the latest.

Students will complete the expedition on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May by 16.00, although I will update you over the weekend as groups will progress at different rates. In my experience the end time for the practice weekend could be slightly earlier.

I have attached a letter sharing the kit requirements for the weekend.

Students will need to carry food with them for the two days and nights. Blackland Farm recommend they carry high energy snacks and "boil in the bag" style meals. Pasta and sauce options are also popular. They will need to think carefully about space as the additional food required will add additional bulk. Packed lunches are required, but these should be adapted as they will need to keep for the two days without refrigeration at camp.

Please carefully read through the Blackland Farm information attached. I will be giving students a copy of this information.

If you have any questions about the expedition, please get in touch via [finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk). In particular, if you would like to discuss any specific support your child will require to meet the requirements of the expedition, please get in touch so that a suitable plan can be put in place; the expedition should be fully inclusive to meet the needs of all students.

Yours faithfully,

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