

5th February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Weekend: 1st to 3rd May 2026
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Qualifier Weekend: 12th to 14th June 2026

I am writing with regards to the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Expedition weekends. Students need to complete both a practice weekend and a final expedition weekend.

The practice weekend is scheduled for the weekend of 1st to 3rd May 2026. Students will leave for the practice expedition at the end of the school day on Friday 1st and will therefore not need to miss any lessons. The final expedition is scheduled for the 12th to 14th June 2026. Students will need to be at Blackland Farm for 9am on 12th June.

The cost for the two expeditions is £222 per weekend (£444 in total) which includes training, assessment and camping for the 6 days and 4 nights in total. The practice and qualifier expedition weekends are now available for payment on ParentPay and the payment deadlines are as follows:

Cost to payer: £222
Instalment 1: £111 10/02/2025
Instalment 2: £111 10/03/2025

The final expedition payment deadlines are as follows:

Cost to payer: £222
Instalment 1: £111 30/03/2025
Instalment 2: £111 28/04/2025

If your child is in receipt of free school meals or you are experiencing financial hardship, you may be eligible for a financial contribution towards the cost of the expeditions. Please contact finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk to discuss in confidence.

In addition to the weekends, I will continue to be available on Thursdays after school in Computer Science 1 to support students with completing their paperwork for the other sections.

If you have any questions about the expedition weekends, please get in touch via finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk. In particular, if you would like to discuss any specific support your child will require to meet the demands 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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