St Anselm's Catholic School

A Catholic Academy in the Archdiocese of Southwark
Member of the Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership

Executive Principal: Mr M Walters Academy Principal: Mr J Rowarth

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award Practise Expedition – Dorset
Tuesday 20th May – Friday 23rd May 2025: £130.00 per student

The purpose of this exciting trip is for the students to build on their Bronze Award experience and complete their practise for the Silver Expedition Section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. The students will continue their training in navigation and enhance their camp craft skills. The plan is to leave school on the Sunday morning to travel by coach to a campsite (nr. Swanage) and establish the initial 'Base camp'. There will be an afternoon activity and then for the following three days the students will be heading to and along the Dorset Coast Path following a route that they have planned themselves, spending the evenings in established campsites (carrying all the items needed for two further overnight camps). The Dorset Coast Path is a beautiful coastline (incorporating the Jurassic Coast and major geographical features which are included on the geography curriculum). The overnight camps will see the students pitch their own team tent, cook their own food, and perform other camp craft activities. We will return to the school for arrival back early evening on the Wednesday. The expedition will be remotely supervised by staff as they were during the Bronze assessment expedition.

Particular items of equipment your child should bring are as follows (although this list is not exhaustive):

Rucksack; Sleeping bag; ground mat/carry-mat; Torch (with batteries); plate, cup and cutlery; waterproof jacket and overtrousers; spare clothing (should they get wet); Night wear; personal First Aid kit plus any specific medication they may need; food towards lunches, snacks, evening meals and breakfasts. Please also remember that we do have a number of items of equipment e.g., rucksacks, stoves and tents to lend here at school.

NOTE 1: This trip is open to all new students that have recently enrolled on the Silver DofE Scheme. Prior to being accepted on the trip, they **must** have accessed the eDofE (https://www.dofe.org/) website and **submitted** their proposals for their Volunteering, Physical and Skills activities. *If you are experiencing any difficulties with accessing* https://www.dofe.org/ *please see Mr Lloyd.* The student must also regularly attend the DofE meetings.

NOTE 2: For established students, **at least two** of the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections must be **completed** and **submitted for approval** before acceptance on the trip is agreed (and that the proposals for all three activities must have been submitted for approval!).

To pay for this trip, I am asking parents and carers to use our e-payment method to pay for the trip (please go to the following secure website www.parentpay.com) If you wish to pay by cash please request a Paypoint letter by returning the slip below. Parents or carers paying online do not need to return the reply slip as they will be asked to consent when making payment. If you have any concerns about meeting the costs of this event, please contact the school as soon as possible to discuss the matter addressing any such correspondence to the Finance Office or myself. If your child is Pupil Premium or entitled to Free School Meals, the school may be able to assist with payments for this activity.

As spaces will be limited and so that we can organise teams and equipment, please can you respond at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely
Mr R Lloyd
Expedition Organiser
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My son/daughter wishes to be considered for the above trip and I request a Paypoint letter. I understand that the money is non-refundable if my child does not attend. I also give consent for my child to receive medical attention in the event of an emergency.

Student's Name: …… Form……

Parent's Signature: …… Date: ……..

Please return to Mr Lloyd or Finance no later than Friday 2nd May 2025

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