



# CATERHAM SCHOOL

28 April 2011

To Parents, Guardians and Students undertaking the Silver DoE expedition between 1 - 3 July 2011

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

An extra Silver DoE training day has been arranged for **Wednesday 29 June 2011** and will run from 10am – 4pm. This day has been organised to ensure all training and preparations are completed prior to the practice expedition in the New Forrest. This session falls after the GCSE exams and is compulsory for all expediting students.

A Pre-expedition check will be completed during the day and will focus on the following areas:

- Equipment: Kit will be issued to groups. Please also bring your walking boots and waterproofs so we can check you have the correct equipment.
- Route: Final check of routes and route cards
- Campcraft:
- Cooking/food: Checking of Menu
- Aim of the expedition:
- Navigation: Compass work
- Emergencies:
- Paperwork:
- First Aid:

I will be checking that each student has uploaded 2 completed record sheets to their eDofE account (by 6pm Thursday 23 June), showing that 2 of the volunteering, physical or skill sections have been completed and signed. **This MUST be completed in order to qualify to attend the practice expedition.**

The Practice expedition will depart from school on the 1 July at 7am and should return no later than 6pm on Sunday 3 July.

Can I please ask all parents and students to look at the 20 expedition conditions and the school expedition policy prior to this trip, both of these can be found in the joining pack that was issued in the Autumn term.

Yours sincerely,

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