



# NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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22 May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition – Thursday 10 and Friday 11 July 2025

The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition will take place on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 July. This will be an assessed expedition and a chance for students to show what they have learned from their training and practice hikes. Supervisors will be present at checkpoints around the planned route, and all teams will have trackers to improve remote supervision and peace of mind. Our minibus will be on site as the safety vehicle to cover any safety or health issues that may arise. Staff will also be supervising at the campsite.

If a student brings their mobile phone with them, these will be placed in padded envelopes and sealed with the student's signature over the seal, not to be opened unless in an emergency or on completion of expedition.

The starting point on Thursday 10 July, will be at the bus stop opposite the entrance to Knockholt Railway Station, London Rd, Knockholt, Chelsfield, Sevenoaks TN14 7HR. Please park on the opposite side of the road (not in the station car park) and escort your child over the road. The team will need to arrive 5 minutes before their start time (see below), Parking is limited, so please drop and go.

TEAM	Start time - Thursday 10 July
SPACE CADETS THE A TEAM	8.30am
NEWSTEAD WANDERS SHWIMMA, SHWIMMA	8.45am
THE GREENIES THE BIG BACK PACKS	9.00am
THE AVENGERS BRAVEHEARTS	9.15am
THE FUNGAL TOES BLADERUNNER'S	9.30am
TEAM 67 FRIENDS	9.45am

**Headteacher:** Mr Alan Blount, MA, BSc, QTS

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SIX FEET UNDER MINIONS	<b>10.00am</b>
SNATCHED LEPRACHAUNS	<b>10.15am</b>
THE GARDEN GNOMES SPIDERWOMEN	<b>10.30am</b>
RU PAUL'S RACERS HIKER PIGMENTATIONS	<b>10.45am</b>

Students must be dressed as stipulated in the DofE regulations, with hiking boots, a rucksack containing a sleeping bag, roll mat and spare clothes, a first aid kit, a packed lunch, waterproofs (in case of inclement weather) and a full water bottle. Teams must provide sufficient food for the expedition as per their agreed menu.

Any student who arrives in the incorrect footwear will not be allowed to continue with their assessed expedition.

Pick up, on Friday 11 July 2025, will be at Lullingstone Golf Course, Buckhurst Ln, Parkgate Road BR6 7PX, from approximately 4pm. At the finish, students will be debriefed by their assessors regarding their performance. Students will then be able to phone parents/carers to confirm they are ready for collection. The car park is likely to be busy with golfers, so please collect and depart swiftly.

All equipment issued must be returned by **Thursday 17 July 2025** at the latest.

Please ensure Trangia are clean, the rucksack is empty of all personal items and tents are complete with an inner and outer, poles and pegs all in the correct bag. Students will be required to show that tents are complete on return.

IF ANY ITEMS ARE DAMAGED OR LOST, THE TEAM WILL BE BILLED FOR THE COST OF REPLACEMENT.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [aandrews@newsteadwood.co.uk](mailto:aandrews@newsteadwood.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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