



# NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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17 April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award – Additional Training and Practice Expedition**

Every Wednesday from 15 April to 6 May, The Education People (TEP) will be running four mandatory after-school training sessions, to be held from 3.30–4.30pm in the Main Hall.

All students participating in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award are required to attend all sessions. If you are unable to attend please contact Mr Andrews.

## **Practice Training Expedition – 15-16 May 2026**

From Friday 15 May to Saturday 16 May, TEP will be running a practice and training overnight expedition at Downe Adventure Centre.

All students taking part must be appropriately equipped and wearing walking boots. Each student will be required to carry a rucksack containing:

- Clothes for the trip
- A sleeping bag
- Wet-weather gear
- Food for their team
- A full water bottle
- Outdoor clothing suitable for the conditions

## **Friday 15 May – Departure**

All teams will meet on the school field at the start of Lunch (1.05pm).

Students will be organised into teams before setting off on their accompanied hike to Downe Adventure Centre.

Students who are sitting the Latin exam on Friday 15 May, must still bring all required equipment but will leave school after the exam and walk directly to Downe Adventure Centre.

All students must bring a packed lunch for Friday and sufficient food for the duration of the expedition – they will need to prepare an evening meal, breakfast, and lunch, as well as emergency snacks.

**Headteacher:** Mr Paul Norman MA, MSc, BSc (Hons), PGCE

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### **At Downe Adventure Centre**

This expedition is a mandatory training overnight trip, with further instruction provided upon arrival.

Tents and Trangia stoves will be issued at Downe Adventure Centre. School staff will be present throughout to offer support should any issues arise.

### **Saturday 16 May – Return**

Students will complete an unaccompanied hike, after which they will be debriefed before being permitted to contact parents for collection.

**The finish point and collection location will be Newstead Wood School Playing Field.**

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me: [aandrews@newsteadwood.co.uk](mailto:aandrews@newsteadwood.co.uk) or 01689 853626 (Ext. 340 – Wednesday to Friday only).

Further information about the Duke of Edinburgh Award can also be found on the [DofE website](#).

Yours sincerely,

*A Andrews*

**Mr A Andrews**  
**Bronze DofE Manager**