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Bronze Practice Expedition Saturday 9th- Sunday 10th May 2026

Congratulations to all for completing their introduction/training day at school. The next part of the programme is the practice expedition, and details are included in this letter.

Please remember that attending and successfully completing both expedition days is compulsory. Participants will be assessed throughout and are required to demonstrate they have acquired the necessary skills before they can move onto the next part of the programme, the assessment expedition.

This is a tough but very rewarding challenge.

Saturday 9th May:

Start point: Brownstone Quarry Car Park, Shurdington, Cheltenham, GL53 9QN

Start time (arrive at): 10:00

Sunday 10th May:

Finish point: Brownstone Quarry Car Park, Shurdington, Cheltenham, GL53 9QN

Finish time (collect at): 15:00

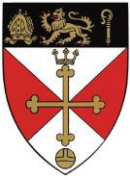
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OS Map for Brownstone Quarry Car Park



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Please aim to drop off / collect your child as quickly as possible to avoid stress on the areas we are using. If car sharing is a possibility it would help to reduce the amount of traffic at these points.

BXM may allow participants to make a call home should they arrive at the finish point early and wish to arrange a slightly earlier collection time. However, there is no obligation for you to collect them early.

Instructors and school staff will be highly visible at the start and finish points. If you have any problems on the day, you can contact BXM's emergency line on **0800 4332963**. Our DofE Lead can also be contacted on **07540 726265** although BXM should be your first point of call.

Participants should bring all expedition kit, as per the kit list provided on the training day. This can also be found on our website: [Duke of Edinburgh Award – Malmesbury School](#)

Participants will also need to bring food for 2 days. They should have decided within their groups if they are cooking meals together or separately and who is bringing each item of food.

This is a strictly nut-free expedition; please do not bring any nut products.

Medication must be named and in-date, including inhalers. Please inform us of any updates to your child's medical information since enrolment.

Illness on the trip

Should your child fall ill on the trip, you will be telephoned and asked to collect them.

BXM mobile phone policy

We live in the real world now and we like you to bring a phone for emergencies. However, there are many apps now that can be used in conjunction with your paper map, many of which will tell you grid references or even show you the map. The rule is that you should be trusted not to be communicating with others outside of your group, therefore a leader can ask you any time and if your phone is not on airplane mode then this could jeopardise your entire group expedition. You should only take it off airplane mode to call a leader or 999, **DO NOT CALL HOME WITHOUT SPEAKING TO YOUR LEADERS**. Do not use your phone at the campsite for music or any other use. If you do want to look at an app then OS LOCATE is a good one or the Ordnance survey map where you can download the section of where you are. Some can even track where you've been. **YOU STILL MUST BE ABLE TO PROVE YOU CAN NAVIGATE USING A MAP.**

We hope this gives you the information you need to make arrangements, however, please direct any questions you may have to: JDaniels@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk (DofE Lead for Malmesbury School), or parents@bxmoutdoors.com

Yours Sincerely,

The DofE Team, Malmesbury School

