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Dear Parent/Carer

### Expedition Training

This week our Bronze Awards students completed their first core training day which focused on route planning. Everyone attended which was excellent in ensuring all were able to contribute to the first part of this team challenge. Teamwork is essential for successfully passing the expedition and this starts with the training.

Some groups did not fully complete their walking route cards, therefore it will be their responsibility to ensure that these are completed by the end of February for checking. Once checks have been done, students will need to complete improvements and have final versions on Teams by the Easter holidays.

Students are expected to develop their independence skills throughout the award, so they will not be prompted for this each week. They are welcome to come to the DofE drop-in session on a Wednesday lunchtime to get some help or support from a member of staff if they need it, or they can complete this at home or at homework club. Those students who have not completed their route cards by the expected deadlines will not be permitted to go on the expedition so please remind them about this commitment.

The next core training day will be **Wednesday 11 March** (slight change from the initially advertised day due to staffing challenges). All students must attend this session as we will be focusing on campcraft, kit and menu planning.

### Expedition Dates

There is potentially still some movement in relation to expedition groupings, but once groups are finalised I will be contacting families with details of the navigation training and expedition dates that the groups are allocated to. Please be patient and keep all dates free for the time being. I will be in touch as soon as possible.

### eDofE

Please remind students that they should have uploaded their chosen activities for the other sections to eDofE. If they cannot start an activity until later in the year then that is not a problem, but they should have some details on eDofE in draft format. Some key things to remember:

1. Assessors cannot be family members but they can be members of school staff, coaches, managers, neighbours or supervisors.
2. Students should upload evidence with clear dates it was completed or use the activity log sheets (which can be found on Teams).
3. Students should be showing a commitment over time so they need to be completing one hour a week of their activity over the chosen time frame. If they miss a week, they should add a week on the end or catch up that time with a double hour the following week.



If any students have queries about DofE, to further encourage their independence please remind them to come along to the DofE drop-in session or email [dofe@taverhamhigh.org](mailto:dofe@taverhamhigh.org)

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



DofE Manager