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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

#### **Navigation Day: 18 April 2026**

As part of your child's Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, they will need to complete compulsory map skills training on the date above. We will meet at school at 8:45 to be ready to leave at approximately 9:00 on the Saturday morning. We will return by approximately 16:00 in the afternoon.

We are able to take just one school minibus and therefore need to ask that three or four parents/carers take and/or collect an additional two or three students in their car to the venue – Reepham medical centre. This would still entail being at school for 8:45 on the Saturday morning, then collecting from Reepham medical centre and taking back to school. Your support with this would be much appreciated.

The day will involve walking a typical expedition day and receiving training on using a compass, map skills, navigation strategies and tips on following a route. Students are strongly advised to wear the clothing they plan on using during the expedition, particularly their footwear (providing that any new shoes have been 'bedded in') and waterproofs.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch along with sufficient snacks and water for the day. They will receive guidance on what foods are suitable for expedition, but a reminder of this information can be found in the DofE folder on Teams. This should be carried in a personal rucksack, along with any medication they may need and items specific for the weather conditions (eg. sun cream and sun hat).

To adhere to both DofE and school risk assessments, students must receive sufficient training to be permitted to participate in the expedition itself on 16/17 May 2026, therefore attendance at this event is mandatory.

If you have any questions then please get in touch directly: [DofE@taverhamhigh.org](mailto:DofE@taverhamhigh.org)

Yours faithfully

Ms H Reding  
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