



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S C.E. HIGH SCHOOL

A Church of England Academy

Headmaster: R.D. Jones

Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Gold Level)

Qualifying Expedition: 11th (15:00) – 15th September 2026



Dear parent,

As part of their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, students have already completed a Practice Expedition and must now undertake their 4-day, 3-night Qualifying Expedition during which they are assessed independently and under more remote supervision. Our forthcoming Qualifying Expedition will take place in the Rhinogs in Snowdonia, North Wales.

Students will be transported to and from Sixth Form by minibus. We will aim to leave as soon as possible after 14:15 on Friday 11th September. Students may attend Sixth Form in non-uniform on that day and bring their packed Expedition rucksacks in the morning.

We will return late afternoon on Tuesday 15th September. The exact time is dependent on traffic and what time students complete their final day's walking. They will be able to confirm when we set off and when we are approximately one hour away.

On **Tuesday 8th September** students will have their pre-expedition briefing and collect any kit they need to borrow from school, **meet in The Hub at 15:15**. This includes rucksacks, tents, stoves, sleeping bags and roll mats. All other kit must be provided by students. They will be fully briefed on what to cook and what to carry in their bags but please remind them that they do have to carry everything for four days.

Please ensure that students pack all necessary medication and if their medical needs have changed since you filled in the medical form earlier in the year please let us know. For emergencies during this visit, staff can be contacted on the following number: **07792 037997**

As this is a school trip, all school policies and procedures will apply. Thank you for your continued support.

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