



Alsager School
An Achieving School - A Caring Community

Expedition: Bronze Practice

For: Alsager

Date: Friday 13th March – Saturday 14th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of your child's Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, your child must participate two expeditions in the countryside for 2 days and 1 night. We have booked your child's practice expedition with East Exped Ltd, our external provider. The dates as stated previously are Friday 13th March – Saturday 14th March 2026. An itinerary for each day is listed below.

Unfortunately, the School is unable to provide your child with transport to the start point. It will be your responsibility to drop your child off at the Day 1 meeting point and pick them up on the Day 2 collection point.

To help aid your child in completing their expedition, please find a kit list at the end of this letter. The equipment stated is recommended only. Please be aware there are optional items on the list. East Exped Ltd will provide: Tents, Stoves, Sleeping Mats, Rucksacks, Compasses and Maps. Your child can use their own of the above equipment, however this must be able to fit into their rucksack.

Please find below a detailed itinerary of the two days of the expedition:

Friday 13th March – Day 1

We will meet at: **Cholmondeley Farm Shop and Cafe, Cholmondeley, Malpas SY14 8AQ**

<https://what3words.com/moving.backswing.dummy>

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/wx4HfX1JstCMK3rs8>

Grid reference: SJ 53168 5130

Please arrive at your child's allocated time slot, due to the car park being quite small.

Surname A – M: 10:00

Surname N – Z: 10:15

As the carpark is quite small, please do your best to car share. There are no public toilets at the start point, unless a purchase is made from the small café. Please do your best to car share, where possible, and once you have signed in and dropped off your child, every effort should be made to make space in the car park for others.

Campsite – Night 1

Alsager School, Hassall Road, Alsager, Cheshire ST7 2HR

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Executive Headteacher: Richard Middlebrook • Head of School: Andrea O'Neill

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Pitch and Canvas, Broad Oak Farm, Birds Lane, Chester, CH3 9NL

<https://g.page/PitchandCanvas?share>

Here we will support students to assemble their tents and cook their dinner. They will have some free time until they need to be in their tents by 22:00 and quiet by 22:30.

Saturday 14th March – Day 2

We will finish at: **Cholmondeley Farm Shop and Cafe, Cholmondeley, Malpas SY14 8AQ**

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Pupils will walk to the finish from the campsite. Our intended finish time is 14:00pm. This time is dependent on speed of the group and weather conditions. Pupils will be told to phone home when they are 1 hour from the finish, it is recommended that you do not leave to pick your child up until they have phoned to limit waiting time.

When the students arrive on the morning of the first day, please ensure that they are signed in and your child is to show their waterproofs (top and bottoms) to a member of staff before putting them into their rucksack, if they are not already wearing them.

Please make sure that you are available to be contacted over the weekend, in case of emergency. If you need to contact myself, please ring on the school mobile: 07726459203

If you have any questions regarding the expedition, please get in touch.

Kind regards,

Miss B Brittain

DofE Coordinator

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You will need to bring the following:

Item	Packed	Item	Packed
• 1 pair of walking boots (broken in)		• Nightwear	
• 2 pairs of walking socks		• Flip-flops/trainers/sandals etc. (optional for campsite use)	
• 2-3 t-shirts		• Warm hat &/or sunhat (as appropriate)	
• Thermal t-shirt (optional)		• 1 pair gloves	
• 2 fleece tops or similar		• Waterproof over-trousers	
• 2 walking trousers (warm, NOT jeans)		• Jacket/coat (waterproof & windproof)	
• Underwear		• 1 pair gaiters (optional)	
• Sleeping bag appropriate for the time of year		• Sleeping mat (this is not a sleeping bag)	
• Waterproof compression stuff sack (5/10/15 litre)		• Whistle	
• Head torch and spare batteries		• Personal first aid kit	
• Expedition food (including emergency rations)		• Water bottle 2 litres minimum	
• Knife, fork, spoon or Spork		• Plate/bowl	
• Mug		• Box of matches (in waterproof container)	
• Wash kit/personal hygiene item		• Small quantity of money (optional)	
• Notebook and pen/pencil		• Watch	
• Sunblock (if appropriate)		• Insect repellent	
• Sunglasses		• Any personal medication	

When packing your rucksack make sure you pack it yourself, so you know where everything is. Remember in your group you will have to share a tent and stoves, so leave room in your bags to put these in. Don't over pack, leave the kitchen sink at home and you'll have a far better expedition!



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