



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award

2020 Information Pack

Dear Bennett Parent,

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme

We are delighted to offer all Year 9 students the opportunity to enrol on the largest youth award programme in the world.

The minimum cost for the award at Bennett is by completing the expedition section on foot, the cost has been fixed at the same level as last two years; £100.00 each.

We are pleased to be able to offer the option of completing the expeditions by canoe or bell boat, this is an opportunity not available to students at most schools. The cost for water-based expeditions is £330.00 each.

The above cost includes the enrolment fee, group kit such as tents, stoves, maps and compasses, all training, practice and qualifying expeditions.

Where required, the cost includes the hire or provision of all specialised equipment, canoes, buoyancy aids and professional paddle instructors.

The Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme awards young people for their commitment in volunteering their time to help others in the community; to learn or develop a life skill and keeping fit by engaging in a physical activity. The award is completed by successfully undertaking an assessed two-day camping expedition in open country. This expedition is preceded by relevant training and a two-day practice camping expedition.

The Award in brief – Bronze; Year 9/10

Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition
1 hour/ week For 3 months*	1 hour/ week For 3 months*	1 hour/ week For 3 months*	Plan, train for and complete a 2 day & 1 night Practice and Qualifying Expedition
*All participants must undertake a further 3 months in the volunteering, physical or skills section.			

Understanding the Time Requirement

It is important to understand the time requirement for the section activities. Three or six months must be undertaken at a minimum of 1 hour per week. If attendance for a week, or more, is missed due to holiday or because the activity is seasonal, then additional weeks must be added. Six months would therefore be 26 attendances of at least 1 hour a week over at least a six-month period.

We encourage participants to complete all three sectional activities by Spring 2020. Attending the qualifying expedition in June 2020 is conditional on having completed all three sectional activities.

Participant can enrol on the Silver Award as soon as the first sectional activity is complete.

Your child's involvement with the three activities (volunteering, skill and physical) can start once we have received their enrolment form.

Training and Support

Training and support towards achieving the Award takes place during registration periods once a week and in room C1 during morning and lunch break; there will be one training session a week commencing in term 2, November 2019. Participants will be required to attend every training session in order to proceed to the expedition section of the award. We will also monitor participant progress through the various sections using the Duke of Edinburgh Award online management system, eDofE.

After enrolment your child will receive a Bronze Participant Handbook, this contains a lot of additional information and helpful cards for sectional assessors to guide them with their assessing duties. Once an activity section is complete, either 3 or 6 months the participant will need to arrange for the assessor to complete the report card with details of the activity undertaken, this will need to be scanned and uploaded onto their personal eDofE account. Alternatively, an assessor can load a report online through the DofE website, this report will come to me for verifying. All an assessor needs to do this is your eDofE ID number (issued at enrolment).

eDofE account activation will start as soon as enrolments are underway with small groups invited to C1 each morning to be shown how to activate and manage their account.

Parental support

I am sure you will wish to support your child with their on-going commitments. The sectional activities are participant led and a comprehensive list of valid activities is on the school website, I suggest you also look at www.dofe.org for additional information about the award. We will be looking at activity examples during school training.

There are many clubs taking place around the school which satisfy the requirements of the activity sections, in fact it is possible to complete all sections of the award within school. A poster of school clubs and which section of the award they can be used for is on display in C1 and in the classroom.

Participants will need your support with transport, vetting organisations or clubs, and general 'keep going' chats as they undertake their commitment over a long period of time.

Progression of the Award Programme at Bennett Memorial School:

May-Oct 2019		Nov-Dec 2019	Jan-March 2020	April-June 2020		Awards Evening 2021
Enrolment Start	Activity reviews	Class based training	Expedition planning & practical training complete both 3m activities	Complete 6m activity. Practice Expedition	Assessed Expedition.	Bronze Awards Issued
Sectional Activities	hand out award handbooks		Enrol early on Silver Award		Progression onto Silver for most bronze participants.	

Participant can enrol on the Silver Award as soon as the first sectional activity is complete.

2020 Calendar of compulsory events for all modes of transport, walking, canoeing and bell boating. All Participants.

Once enrolled you must attend sessions, as called, to activate and set up the eDofE account.

Saturday 7 th March	Expedition Training day at Adamswell campsite. Teams from tutor groups A, C, F & G.
Sunday 8 th March	Expedition Training Day at Adamswell campsite. Teams from tutor Groups J, L, M, R & T.

2020 Calendar of compulsory events for walking expeditions.

Saturday 25 th to Sunday 26 th April	Practice expedition weekend Teams from tutor groups A, C, F & G.
Saturday 2 nd to Sunday 3 rd May	Practice expedition weekend Teams from tutor groups J, L, M, R & T.
Saturday 13 th to Sunday 14 th June	Assessed expedition weekend Teams from tutor groups A, C, F & G.
Saturday 20 th to Sunday 21 st June	Assessed expedition weekend Teams from tutor groups J, L, M, R & T.

2020 Calendar of compulsory events for canoeing and bell boating expeditions.

Saturday 25 th April	River and paddle training at Tonbridge.
Saturday 4 th to Sunday 5 th July	Practice expedition weekend.
Friday 25 th to Sunday 27 th September	Assessed expedition weekend.

Enrolment Deadline

We encourage students to enrol as soon as possible, sectional activities can start immediately, and, enrolment on the next level of the award can take place before the expedition assessment and as soon as a minimum of one sectional activity is completed, allowing an ongoing activity to be used for the next level of the award scheme.

How to Enrol

To enrol on the Bronze Award please remove and complete the back page of this pack. This is the enrolment form and permission form for all expedition related events.
Log into ParentPay and select **Bronze 2020** to make the £100 payment as directed.
For canoe and bell boat the minimum payment is £100.00 and the balance of £230 will need to be paid into ParentPay account **Bronze 2020 canoeing**.

The programme is hugely supported by Bennett Memorial School staff and parents. At the school we have a large group of dedicated volunteers who support the expedition training day and expeditions in supervisory roles, this is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the participants. With the ever growing school roll and a higher proportion of the year taking up the award we need parents to come forward and support us on the training day and the expeditions.

If you would like to become involved as an expedition supervisor or Duke of Edinburgh's Award Assessor, then please contact me.

On our bronze expeditions we need up to 20 volunteers to supervise and assess.

Supervisor training and Accredited Assessor training courses are available free of charge to our volunteers as is the emergency first aid at work qualification. Anyone wishing to volunteer for either role will of course be fully vetted and DBS checked before going on the appropriate one-day training course.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the D of E Award further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Morris

Mr Chris Morris

Mountain Leader

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager

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Bennett Memorial Diocesan School

Culverden Down, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 9SH.

Follow and re-tweet the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Centre activities and expeditions on Twitter
[@BennettDofE1](https://twitter.com/BennettDofE1)

Expedition Kit List for all Levels of the Award.

The canoe and bell boat expedition kit list is to be found on page 14 of this pack.

Maps, compasses, tents, stoves and fuel, hi visibility jackets and maps and map cases are supplied by the school. Other personal equipment is available to borrow. A small charge is made for the loan of some equipment.

Personal kit is checked by supervisors and assessors before every expedition, this is to make sure that all essential kit is being carried and non-essential kit is left behind.

Ideally on expedition you should have 2 sets of clothing, one set to walk in and one set to wear in camp and sleep in, this second set must be kept dry. Waterproof stuff sacks are ideal for this.

Expedition kit list

Personal clothing. Adjust for the number of days on expedition.

- Strong soled walking boots (trainers are not permitted)
- Thick trekking socks. One pair per day. (School/sport socks are not suitable and do not cushion the foot)
- 2 pairs walking trousers – **no jeans/jogging bottoms**
- 2 shirts/T Shirts
- Warm jumper
- Fleece – cotton hoodies are too heavy, particularly when wet and are difficult to dry
- Underwear
- Waterproof jacket, with hood – essential that it is waterproof
- Waterproof over-trousers
- Clothes to sleep in (kept dry).

Personal kit –

- Rucksack 65ltr minimum (80 litre recommended for Gold Award)**
- Rucksack waterproof liners (or waterproof stuff sacks or strong plastic bags/rubble bags)
- 3 season sleeping bag + liner**
- 4 season sleeping bag + liner for Gold award
- Sleeping mat**
- Personal first aid items / medication
- Watch
- Small quantity of money to make a telephone call
- Notebook and pen or pencil
- Head torch and spare batteries
- Emergency rations in a sealed bag
- Packed lunches, (Bronze x2, Silver x3 Gold x4)
- Snacks and sweets, cereal bars etc.
- 1 litre Water bottle
- Knife, fork, spoon; plate, mug and bowl
- Toiletry bag (Tooth paste, tooth brush, small hand towel/flannel, wet wipes)
- Whistle
- Woolly hat & gloves
- Sun hat / cream / sun glasses
- Shorts if appropriate
- Emergency survival bag**
- Trekking poles**

- Toilet paper & nappy bags - Gold award only
- Gaiters – Gold award only.

Group kit (to be divided amongst the group)

- Tent, cooking stove and fuel*
- Small bottle of washing up liquid & scorer sponge
- Tea towel
- Trowel-Gold award only
- OS Map, compass & map case, high vis Jacket, permanent pens*
- Digital camera
- Plastic bags for rubbish
- Team food-main meals only
- Gas lighter or matches (in a small container to keep them dry).

* Supplied by school.

**Available to borrow.

Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones for social calling and texting is not allowed during the expedition including at the campsite. This is to encourage the sense of independence within the team. Phones must be switched off, placed in a water proof bag and kept in rucksacks with first aid kits and only used in an emergency or an important need to contact their supervisor.

On assessed expeditions venture projects requiring photography should be completed with a small digital camera rather than a phone camera. This will avoid the temptation to (just checking) use the phone.

Clothing for expeditions should be one set of clothes to walk in and one set to wear in the tent and to sleep in, this set must be kept dry.

There is a large selection of specialist kit available, if you have any questions about expedition equipment then please do not hesitate to speak to me, the most important single item will be your walking boots.

Buy your boots in plenty of time and go for some walks, although modern boots do not need 'breaking in' you should wear them in to reduce and even to avoid painful blisters. Wear boots with two pairs of good quality walking socks to reduce the likelihood of blisters.

Following the eDofE account training you will receive a discount card for use in Blacks, Milletts and Go Outdoors. Cotswold in Tunbridge Wells will also offer a 10% discount to DofE participants.

Expedition equipment can become very expensive, if you feel you are likely to continue with the higher levels of the Award then investment in some quality equipment can be justified, however, do look at the budget suppliers such as Go Outdoors, Decathlon, Milletts, Blacks etc., all of whom have their own brand kit.



Top Tips:

If there is one item I recommend you splash out on, it would be a 'Therm-A-Rest' sleeping mat. These are light weight, good insulators and take up a lot less space than the foam camping mat.

Use a supermarket 'own brand' one litre fruit juice bottle as a water bottle. These are stronger than the standard bottles of spring water and a lot cheaper than polycarbonate bottles from outdoor suppliers. The wider neck makes it easier for us to re-fill at checkpoints.



Keep kit and sleeping bag dry in a waterproof stuff Sack.



Bronze Training Day Schedule.

**Saturday 7th March; A, C, F & G.
Sunday 8th March; J, L, M, R & T.**

- 8:30 Volunteers and Instructors arrive.
- 8:45 Run through of day activities with team supervisors.
- 9.00 Students arrive at Adamswell Scout Campsite, Broom Lane, Langton Green. TN3 9JL.
- 9:30 Expedition Section:
Maps and compasses
Map symbols and features
Navigation and compass
check route planning for practice expedition.
Practical navigation – learn how to measure distance with pacing and timing.
Practical navigation exercise around campsite.
Road walking and road crossing procedure
- 11:30 Tents:
Collect equipment from D of E store.
Collect tents as a team from the Scout hut.
Learn how to choose a suitable site, erect, peg out and fold away tents.
- 12:30 Stoves:
Return tent and collect stove and gas.
Written Risk assessment by each team.
Learn how to use stoves safely. Attach and change a gas cylinder.
Correct operation and behaviour around stoves.
Practical session includes making a drink and cooking lunch.
Clean and put stoves away.
No trace policy. Pick up every match stick.
Re-do/add to risk assessments after practical session.
- Teams to bring your own food to cook, remember the food training topic.
Be original and NO pot noodles!
- 1:45 Assemble in Chapel at Adamswell campsite.

Parent Collection

On arrival at Adamswell we will take the name of the student(s) you are collecting. Please remain in your car and drive around the building. Your son or daughter will be called to your car.

Saturday

14:00 10A
14:05 10C
14:10 10F
14:15 10G

Sunday

14:00 10J
14:05 10L
14:10 10M
14:15 10R

Kit required for the day:

Own clothes-suitable for 6 hours outside.

Fleece and if cold a warm coat.

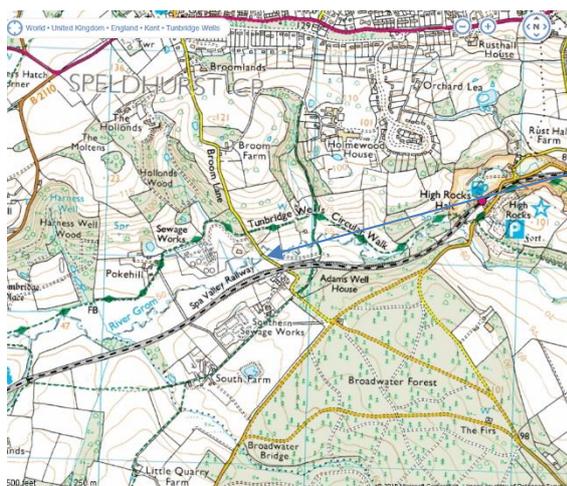
Wool hat and gloves

Waterproof jacket and trousers

School size day bag

Plate, bowl, knife, fork, spoon & mug

Supermarket type carrier bag (to put your dirty crockery in).



**Training arrival and pick up:
Adamswell Campsite
Broom Lane
Langton Green
TN3 9JL**



Further Expedition Information and Tips:

Important Health & Safety

Participants should not wear head or ear phones whilst on expedition. Music is not allowed on camp so do not bring speakers. Mobile phones should not be used unless in an emergency to contact their supervisor. Glass jars are not allowed and tinned food is discouraged. Decant food from jars and tins into tupperware containers.

No Bare feet

It's very common for participants to kick their shoes off and sometimes walk around bare foot. **TOP TIP:** bring flip flops!

Hot Weather

All participants must bring a hat, small bottle of sun cream and a minimum 1 litre water bottle. The supervisors will have water containers for you to refill from during the day. The campsite has drinking water available in all the fields.

Borrowing School Equipment

Rucksacks, sleeping bags, roll mats are available for hire from the Tuesday prior to your expedition weekend. Remember to not over-pack. As a guide you should leave home with plenty of space to pack the stove, tent and gas when you get to school.

Loaned equipment must be treated with due responsibility and damage through misuse or carelessness will be charged, as will non-return.

Sleeping bags must be aired and sleeping bag liners must be used and washed before returning.

Essential Equipment

The following **must** be brought as the supervisor will request to see them before the team set off:

Waterproofs

All participants **must** have a waterproof jacket (with hood), we will not allow anyone to undertake a walk without a waterproof jacket. Waterproof trousers are strongly recommended.

Emergency Rations

Sealed bag or container of chocolate goodies with a hot drink (chocolate sachet or cup a soup), something high energy and comforting. Rations will be inspected by the assessor and must only be eaten in an emergency.

Personal First Aid Kit

Small personal first aid kit with minimum contents: plasters, antiseptic cream, safety pins and bandage. Plus, any other personal medication required.

Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones for calling, texting or social media use is not permitted. This is to encourage the sense of independence within the team. Phones must be switched off and placed in a water proof bag, kept in rucksacks and only used only in an emergency or an important need to contact the supervisor.

Expensive electrical items, cameras etc. are discouraged, camping, rain and electronics do not mix! Phones or musical items emitting loud music will be confiscated.

Toiletries

Fit toiletries; toothbrush and toothpaste, including a quick dry towel or large flannel (don't bring a bath towel) into a sandwich bag. Deodorant and make up is completely pointless!

Bronze Practice Expedition Schedule, Bennett to Adamswell Scout Campsite, Langton Green

Saturday 25th to Sunday 26th April

Teams from tutor groups A, C, F & G

Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd May

Teams from tutor groups J, L, M, R & T.

The practice expedition is an opportunity to make a few mistakes and to learn from these mistakes, when you come to the assessed expedition in June the navigation, camping and cooking will be more familiar to you and will make for a more enjoyable experience.

In preparation for the practice expedition have a look at the expedition kit list in this pack. Please do not over-pack. We often find that students have too many clothes and items which are totally unnecessary.

The rucksack which you carry should weigh no more than 25% of your body weight this includes all your team kit such as tent, stove, gas and a 1L bottle of water.

On the weekend of your practice expedition the following schedule applies:

Saturday.

- 8:45 Arrive Bennett Sports Hall for registration.
- 9:00 Meet your supervisor and prepare for leaving on expedition.
Collect tents and stoves etc.
Check routes are complete.
Check personal equipment and if necessary weigh rucksack.

Adamswell Scout campsite has the River Grom running through part of the camp. The river and river banks are strictly out of bounds.

Sunday.

- 8:30 Teams should have left camp. We will make sure teams are up at about 7am to cook their own breakfast and prepare a hot drink.
- 14:30 Teams will start arriving back at Bennett.

***IMPORTANT: Parent Pick up.**

On arriving back at Bennett, teams will need to dry and clean the group kit, this includes erecting the tent to dry it, cleaning the stove, cleaning maps and other resources and signing all borrowed equipment back into stores.

If you have borrowed a school rucksack this can be taken home to be emptied and dried before returning on Monday ready for use the following weekend.

You are responsible for any kit which you borrow. This must be signed back into stock in the DofE Centre and not abandoned in classes or on lockers.

The team will also be de-briefed by the supervisor and advice given on any further training that may be required before the assessed expedition in June.

Participants should not call home without the supervisor's permission and, absolutely not before arriving back at school. When you receive a call, your son or daughter will give you a collection time. This will be about an hour after the team arrives back at school.

Please do not arrive early as this will compromise the supervisor's task in ensuring that debriefing is effective and all equipment is properly returned.

Bronze Assessed Expedition Schedule, Bennett to Adamswell to Crowborough

Saturday 13th to Sunday 14th June
Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st June

Teams from tutor groups A, C, F & G.
Teams from tutor groups J, L, M, R & T.

Although the format of the weekend is largely the same as for the practice expedition the teams are observed by independent assessors to ensure that the team meet the '20 Conditions' for the Expedition Section.

Saturday

8:45 Arrive Bennett Sports Hall for registration.
9:00 Meet your supervisor and assessor and prepare for leaving on expedition.
The assessor will want to see a thoroughly well prepared and planned expedition.
Collect tents and stoves, etc.
Check personal equipment and if necessary weigh rucksack.

Adamswell Scout campsite has the River Grom running through part of the camp. The river and river banks are strictly out of bounds.

Sunday

8:30 Teams should have left camp. We will make sure teams are up at about 7am to cook their own breakfast and prepare a hot drink.
14:30 Teams start arriving at Goldsmith's and will take about one hour completing their kit cleaning and expedition presentation.

The teams are walking from school to Adamswell Scout campsite on the first day.
The second day the teams complete their journey to Goldsmith's Leisure Centre in Crowborough.
Parent pick up from the leisure centre late afternoon. There are a number of tasks to complete before being allowed to go home. When you arrive at Goldsmith's you will be allowed to phone home with a pick-up time, **do not do this before the assessor says that it is ok to do so.**

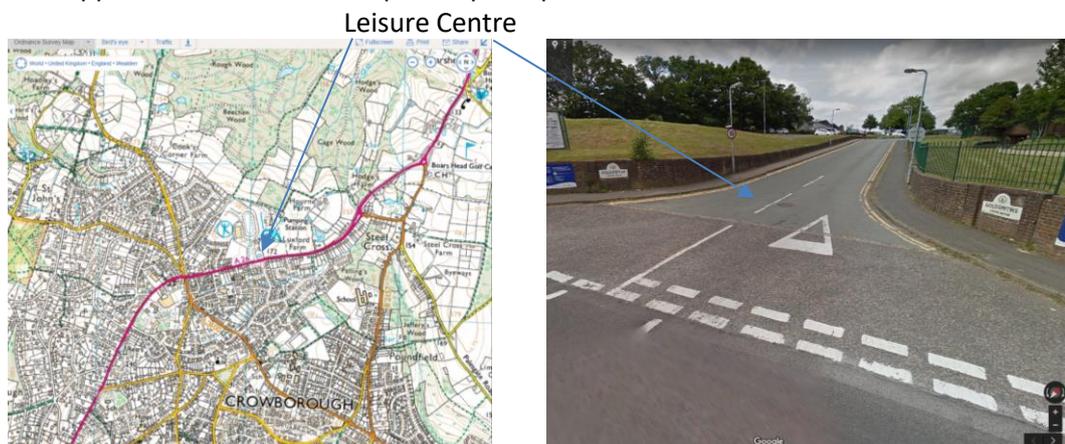
Set up tents to dry, wash up and hand in group kit.

Assessor de-briefing and expedition presentation.

Pack away tents when dry

Return borrowed school kit (Parents can bring a bag/dustbin liner for personal kit).

5.00pm Approximate time for Last parent pick up.



Canoe and bell boat expedition kit list.

Maps, compasses, tents, stoves and fuel are supplied by the school. Other equipment is available to borrow.

All specialist equipment relating to the mode of transport is supplied.

Personal kit is checked by supervisors and assessors before the expedition, this is to make sure that all essential kit is being carried and non-essential is left behind.

Ideally for expedition you should have 2 sets of clothing, one set to paddle in and one set to wear in camp and sleep in, this second set must be kept dry. Waterproof stuff sacks are ideal for this.

Expedition Kit List

Personal clothing. Adjust for the number of days on expedition.

- Old trainers or beech shoes. These will get wet and muddy
- Lots of pairs of socks and a dry pair of trainers
- 2 pairs shorts/trousers. No jeans or jogging bottoms- these will not dry when wet.
- 2 shirts/T Shirts
- Warm jumper
- Fleece – Cotton hoodies are too heavy, particularly when wet and are difficult to dry.
- Underwear
- Waterproof jacket, with hood – essential it is waterproof
- Waterproof over-trousers
- Clothes to sleep in. (kept dry)

Personal kit –

- Waterproof stuff sacks for all personal kit. These will be placed in watertight barrels.
- 3 season sleeping bag + liner**
- 4 season sleeping bag + liner for Gold Award
- Sleeping mat**
- Personal first aid items / medication
- Watch
- Small quantity of money to make a telephone call
- Notebook and pen or pencil
- Head Torch and spare batteries
- Emergency rations in a waterproof bag
- Packed lunches, (Bronze x2, Silver x3 Gold x4)
- Snacks and sweets, cereal bars etc,
- 1 litre Water bottle
- Knife, fork, spoon; plate, mug and bowl
- Toiletry bag (Tooth paste, tooth brush, small hand towel/flannel, wet wipes)
- Whistle
- Woolly hat & gloves
- Sun hat / cream / sun glasses
- Shorts if appropriate
- Emergency Survival Bag**
- Toilet paper & nappy bag's-Gold Award only

Group kit (to be placed in large barrels and loose lashed in boat)

- Tent, Cooking stove and fuel*
- Small bottle of washing up liquid & scorer sponge
- Tea towel
- Trowel-Gold Award only
- OS Map, Compass & Map case, High Vis Jacket, Permanent pens*
- Plastic bags for rubbish
- Team food-main meals only.
- Gas lighter or matches (in a small container to keep them dry).

* Supplied by school.

**Available to borrow.

Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones for social calling and texting is not allowed during the expedition including at the campsite. This is to encourage the sense of independence within the team. Phones must be switched off, sealed in a water proof bag and kept for use only in an emergency or an important need to contact their supervisor.

On assessed expeditions venture projects requiring photography should be completed with a small digital camera rather than a phone camera. This will avoid the temptation to (just checking) use the phone.

Bronze Canoe and Bell Boat Training and Expeditions.

Expedition Trainin: Saturday 25th April, River Medway.

Aim: Fun and informative introduction to Bronze water-based expeditions in a relaxed environment.

Objective: Instructing DofE Canoe Expedition skills including; necessary boat handling, navigating and operation of river locks, camp craft, teamwork, safety and navigation.

Participants to pack for day training on the River Medway. You will require a packed lunch, bottle of water and some snacks.

To include a towel and dry set of clothes.

Waterproof jacket, trousers, and warm fleece.

AAP:	Ben Bullen Adventures. Supplying two L2 Coaches
Staff:	Chris Morris & Lisa Griffiths.
Transport:	School mini bus and canoe trailer.
Volunteers:	Andy Rock
Participants Boats:	6 x Bennett Canoes. 1 x Bell Boat supplied by Ben Bullen Additional canoes as required supplied by Ben Bullen Adventures
Transport	Start: Parent Responsibility & Minibus return to school
Students:	
Resources:	Maps, compasses, 20 Conditions, Safety Cards, Survival Bags.

Saturday 25th April: All Participants, Canoe and Bell boat.

8:00	Participants to arrive at school if transport by mini bus to Tonbridge is required.
8:30	Leave for Tonbridge
9:00	Participants to arrive at Tonbridge by parent transport Lower Castle Field car park. Access via The Slade. Nearest postcode is: TN9 1HR
9:30	Meet Ben Bullen from Ben Bullen Adventures; introduction and briefing
9:45	Unload all barrels, and personal Equipment from Trailer
10:00	Barrels, sample tents and stoves, lesson on packing and loading boats
10:45	Distribute map case, map/ compass per boat
11:30	Launch Boats Set 100m course to ascertain paddling speed of each team to record on maps. Paddle warm up to the Fen
12:00	Packed lunch-no cooking or stove use
13:00	Rescue techniques. You may get wet during this exercise. More specific drills for Canoe participants, boat and equipment recovery to shore. Exit river and hot chocolate. Change into spare clothes.
14:00	Leave Tonbridge All participants return to Bennett. Clean down canoes and return equipment to C1 to dry overnight.
15:00	Parent Collection

Practice Expedition Saturday 4th to Sunday 5th July

Aim: As part of the twenty conditions of the expedition section all participants must complete a successful practice expedition prior to attending an assessed expedition.

Award Participants will complete a closely supervised 2-day and one-night river expedition from Tonbridge to Allington lock in Maidstone with an overnight camp at East Peckham.

AAP:	Ben Bullen Adventures. Supplying two L2 Coaches
Staff:	Chris Morris & Lisa Griffiths
Transport:	School mini buses, canoe trailer and box trailer
Volunteers:	Andy Rock
Participants Boats:	6 x Bennett Canoes 1 x Bell Boat supplied by Ben Bullen Additional canoes as required supplied by Ben Bullen
Transport Students:	Parent Responsibility

Saturday 4th July.

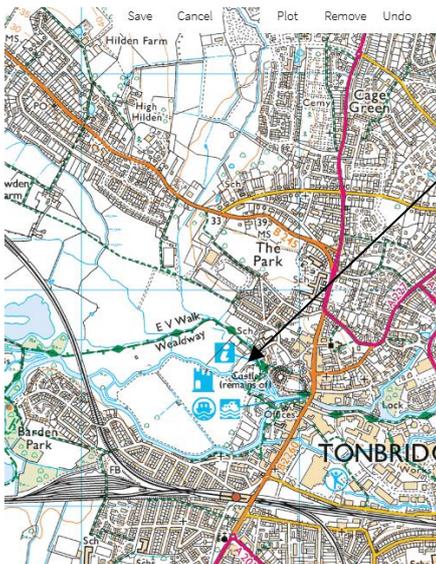
8:30	Participants to arrive at Tonbridge Lower Castle Field car park
9:00	Unload boats and equipment Pack barrels with all expedition equipment, camping equipment and personal kit.
	Expedition starts from the slip-way to Wateringbury marina, Closely supervised by Ben Bullen Adventures staff. Bank support from Bennett school staff.
	Stopping at locks for rests and packed lunch
16:00	Arrive and camp at Marina Campsite, Wateringbury.
	River and Banks strictly out of bounds apart from exiting the water and retrieving boats. No swimming in the Medway.
22:00	Lights out.

Sunday 5th July.

- 8:00 Early start, breakfast and break camp.
Ready to paddle
- Stopping at locks for rests and packed lunch.
- 14:00 Anticipated arrival time at Allington lock, Maidstone, subject to river and lock gate traffic.
Load trailers with boats and equipment.
- All participants return to Bennett in school minibuses to help clean and sort out equipment for drying.
- 16:00 Estimated time of parent pick up from school
Students will phone to confirm a more accurate time once we leave Maidstone for the journey home.



Lower Castle Field Car Park TN9 1HR



Assessed Expedition Friday 25th to Sunday 27th September

Aim: Participants to undertake a remotely supervised 2-day, 1-night expedition with a venture project, assessed by an external DofE Assessor.

Supervisors: Ben Bullen Adventures Ltd.
Chris Morris – Bennett Memorial School – 07759 128533
Lisa Griffiths – Bennett Memorial School
Andy Rock – D of E Volunteer

Assessor: Carl Hynes – D of E Volunteer

Friday 25th September Preparation and Travel to Wallingford

9:00	Participants arrive in C1 with kit Check equipment and load box van and canoe trailer Depart Bennett for Wallingford, Oxfordshire. School minibuses
12:30	Arrive Wallingford Campsite – Lunch – Packed lunch required Set up camp Canoe practice paddle on the Thames near campsite Kit check and pack for expedition Assessor checks equipment and routes
18:00	Evening meal provided. Pizza/Chinese takeaway
20:00	Tidy campsite
22:00	Participants in tents – no noise.

Saturday 26th September- Expedition Day 1

7.30	Participants up and Breakfast (we will provide cereal, brioche rolls porridge, tea and coffee) Tents Down, clear camp and load boats
8:30	Drive to Abingdon Marina for start of expedition
9:00	Arrive Abingdon Ben Bullen Adventures start expedition and supervise participants on the water
15:00	Teams start to arrive at Wallingford Camp Tents up Store boats and equipment properly Prepare evening meals Assessor observes to ensure 20 conditions are met
22:00	Participants provide and cook evening meal Latest lights out and no noise

Sunday 27th September - Expedition Day 2

7:00	Participants up and prepare own breakfast
8:00	Staggered Start as each team is ready Ben Bullen Adventures supervise participants on the water
14:00	Team start to arrive at Finish at Pangbourne/Whitchurch-on-Thames lock Equipment sorted Trailers loaded
16:00	Depart Pangbourne
18:00 <u>Approx.</u>	Arrive Tunbridge Wells, Bennett Memorial School.

Please note: participants will need packed lunches and snacks for three days. Friday – Sunday.

The school will provide a takeaway meal/provide food for Friday evening and Saturday breakfast. Participant provide their own expedition food and should plan their menu as a team. This must include one evening meal and one breakfast in addition to three packed lunches.

A small amount of cash may be brought to buy a snack if time allows a stop on the way home.

Participants will be allowed to call home during the return journey with a collection time. Please note that participants will be expected to secure and tidy away equipment on arrival at school before going home.

Tents and other equipment, if not dry on Sunday, will need putting up on the school field. On Monday on return to school teams will need to take down tents, pack and hand back to store in C1.

Remember to follow and re-tweet all our expeditions on our Twitter page [@BennettDofE1](#)



Bennett DofE Centre *Directly Licenced Centre*

Bronze Award 2020 Enrolment & Parent Permission Form

Surname: _____ Forename(s): _____ (M/F)

Date of Birth: _____ Year & Tutor Group: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number (Including STD Code): _____

* Mother's/Father's daytime telephone number: _____

Parent email (for award information only): _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Special Medical Requirements: _____

Doctor's Name & Telephone Number: _____

Any other information regarding your child which may be of use: _____

Bronze expedition training day (for ALL participants – whether walking or canoeing)

Saturday 7 th March	Training Day (Tutor Groups A, C, F & G)	Adamswell Campsite
Sunday 8 th March	Training Day (Tutor Groups J, L, M, R & T)	Adamswell Campsite

Please tick if completing a walking expedition

Sat 25 th – Sun 26 th April	Practice Expedition (Tutor Groups A, C, F & G)	T/Wells and Weald
Sat 2 nd – Sun 3 rd May	Practice Expedition (Tutor Groups J, L, M, R&T)	T/Wells and Weald
Sat 13 th – Sun 14 th June	Assessed Expedition (Tutor Groups A, C, F & G)	School to Crowborough
Sat 20 th – Sun 21 st June	Assessed Expedition (Tutor Groups J, L, M,R&T)	School to Crowborough

OR

Please tick if completing a river based expedition

Saturday 25 th April	River Training	River Medway, Tonbridge (non-residential)
Sat 4 th – Sun 5 th July	Practice Expedition	River Medway, Tonbridge to Maidstone
Fri 25 th – Sun 27 th Sept	Assessed Expedition	River Thames

I understand the nature of the activities involved and students will be remotely supervised by a DofE Supervisor and I give permission for my son/ daughter to attend these dates:

I give my permission to the Supervisor in charge of the group to authorise, on my behalf, the administration of an anaesthetic or for any other urgent medical treatment to be given, should the necessity arise.

Award Enrolment

I would like my son/daughter to be enrolled on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and have paid £100.00 for walking expeditions or £100.00 deposit for canoeing expeditions.

Parent's Signature:

Print Name: Date:

Please submit directly to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Centre in C1.