

# WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Duke of Edinburgh Award – Bronze Expedition



I am writing to inform you about the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition arrangements. The Bronze Award requires that participants complete a two day expedition, preceded by a practice expedition of similar duration. We also feel that practical training beforehand is an important element in their preparation.



Science



Engineering

### Practice Weekend 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018

This gives the participants an opportunity to practise the skills they have acquired and will be held between Westcliff and Hockley, Essex. Participants will plan and complete a route covering 6 hours each day over the two days and will be under the direct supervision of a member of staff or a Sixth-Form student, who is currently working towards their Gold Award, for at least the first day and afterwards will be required to check in at various points along the route. Students must be collected from Belchamps Scout Centre at 3.30pm on the Saturday afternoon.

### Expedition 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018

This will take place at Danbury, Essex and will be supervised by school staff and assessed by an official Duke of Edinburgh assessor from the school team. Students must be collected from Danbury Outdoor Centre at 3.30pm on the Saturday afternoon.

**The total cost for both weekends is covered by the £75.00 which should have been paid via ParentPay.** This includes transport, campsite fees, the provision of tents, cooking stoves and fuel but **does not** include the cost of food or staff. Part of the expedition requirement is that participants select and organise their own food supplies. The school is covering the cost of staffing these activities.

If you haven't done so already, may we ask that you **please make your contribution using ParentPay.** If you have any problems making payment on ParentPay, please telephone Mrs Hine on 01702 476026 to make payment over the telephone.

As with most school trips we are only allowed to ask parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost. **This payment is not compulsory, but if insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund the camps, then they will be cancelled.**

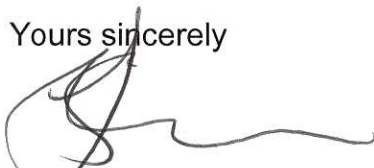


Parents who can prove they are in receipt of the following benefits will be exempt from paying the cost of the trip:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Employment Support Allowance – income related (ESA(IR))
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue, that does not exceed £16,190 (Financial Year 2010/11);
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment finishes or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week. The parent(s)/guardian(s) will be sent a letter from HMRC stating that they are entitled to a four week 'run on' of Working Tax Credit.

Please note that you should tick the 'parental consent' box on ParentPay to confirm that your daughter will be taking part in both the weekends. **If your daughter is currently in receipt of Free School Meals then we will require a letter/email ([st-sue.hine@whsg.info](mailto:st-sue.hine@whsg.info)), giving your consent for her to take part in both camps.**

Yours sincerely



Mr J Gardner  
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