
Northampton Boys School Bronze Assessed Expedition

Dear Parents / Guardians

I hope you are all well. I am pleased to provide you with the details of the expedition titled above.

With the size of the Year 10 Group it has been decided again to split the start and finish points of the groups. Half the year 10's will start at Emberton country Park, Olney and the other half will start at Grendon Quarter pond carpark. Therefore, students must make sure they know which group they are in. Parents please check that you are aware of the start and finish points. Group numbers are the same as the Practice.

May I also take this opportunity to remind parents/ guardians that there are still a few outstanding payments. Please contact the finance department if you're unsure whether you have missed a payment.

Assessed Expedition 15-16th September 2018 (Year 10)

Please arrive at the given time and no earlier or later to enable to groups to get organised and start walking as soon as its possible for them to do so. We ask that parents / guardians leave the drop off site promptly as the Practice. We also ask that parents do not arrive earlier than 3pm unless contacted by BXM staff to inform them groups have finished early. Given the nature of DofE expeditions sometimes groups can arrive later and all groups need to be given debrief by their assessor and hand in kit in before departing.

Groups 1-7 will **start** at 09:00 from **Emberton Country Park Olney MK46 5FJ**
They will then **finish** at 15:00 from **Grendon Quarter Pond car park, Grendon.**
NN7 1JB

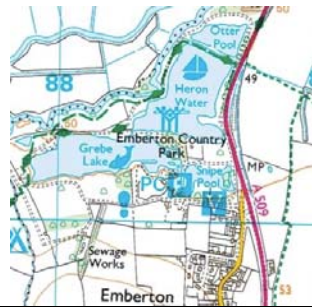
Groups 8-14 will **start** at 09:00 from the **Grendon Quarter Pond car park,**
Grendon NN7 1JB

They will then **finish** at 15:00 from **Emberton Country Park Olney MK46 5FJ**

Start Point/
Finish Point

Emberton Country Park. Olney
MK46 5FJ GR885502

Start Groups 1-7
Finish Groups 8-14



Camp

Home Farm, MK46 4HN GR 897 539



Finish point
/Start Point

Grendon Quarter Pond car park,
Grendon. NN7 1JB GR 865 601

Start Groups 8-14
Finish Groups 1-7



Full expedition kit is required. A suggested kit list is available on the BXM expedition website. Students have also now completed a practice and should be more aware of what they will need and what is expected of them for this assessed expedition. They must make sure they are aware of the 20 aims of the expedition this can be found on the D of E web site. The group should also have an aim for the expedition from which they will be expected to do a group 5-minute presentation once back in school.

Here are some reminders:

Individual

- Wash kit, toothbrush etc.
- Walking boots with ankle support – Students must have these no trainers on assessed expeditions.
- Good socks
- **No jeans**
- Waterproof (pack near top of rucksack)
- Make sure all kit is water proof or in rucksack liner. (Green garden refuse sacks are ideal as they are stronger than black bin bags)
- Outdoor sleeping bag
- All kit in rucksack – only roll mat on the outside – Yes this does include the tent.
- Sun cream, hat or warm hat and gloves dependant on weather
- Emergency rations – sealed
- Spare clothes – but remember it is only **one** night
- Torch and spare batteries
- Bowl, cup (**not** china) knife, fork & spoon

Group

- Washing-up kit
- Waterproof matches – no lighters
- **1 survival bag**
- Compass (if a personal one is owned)
- Playing cards for a little light entertainment in the evening!
- Food as planned during expedition planning
- Map & route cards

BXM – Supply

Stoves - Fuel

Maps

Tents – 2 people per tent

This equipment will be issued to the groups at the car park on the day of the expedition. The group is responsible for the kit.

Food

All food requirements for the entire expedition should be been planned by the participants. Arrangements to purchase the food will need to be made prior to the expedition:

- All food should provide a balanced diet of protein, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals
- No Pot Noodles or Supper Noodles
- No glass jars
- No tins
- Read any preparation or cooking instructions before setting out.
- If packaging is removed, instructions should either be recorded or cut out and brought on expedition.

Mobile Phones

Phones are **only** to be used in an **emergency**. Mobile phones should be sealed in a package and must not be used unless there is an emergency. However, at the end of the expedition participants may use their mobile phones to phone home.

Emergency Contact – Please only contact if it is an emergency and not to find out when a group will be finished.

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Mr Kneeshaw 07068 530221

Mr Armstrong 07968 373231

Students on their eD of E should now be trying to complete all of their sections. Once they have completed the other 3 sections they need to had their book to their named assessor.

(This must not be anyone one from the family) and ask them to fill in the assessor's report. They must make sure the dates are correct and that the assessor has written a report about what they have completed over the time period. Signed the report and dated it, it must also contain the assessors e-mail and/or contact telephone number. Then it must be up loaded on to the e d of e website for approval. Mrs Rutherford is in homework club T4 each evening if your son requires help in completing this. Please push your son to do this, it is a waste of money and time if all he completes is the expedition section. With such as large cohort of students completing the award I would hope that all students would be in the position to complete the Bronze award by the end of September.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs O'Neill

