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To all Duke of Edinburgh expeditions participants

The school provides you with the basic camping and safety equipment you will need on expeditions. Part of the skills you learn on DofE is your ability to look after equipment and return it in the same condition as you received it and on or by an agreed deadline. School staff have to spend a great deal of time checking the kit over and then replacing it back into the stores. This is done much more efficiently if all the kit has been returned by the deadline.

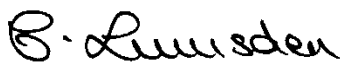
This year we will operate a deposit scheme to encourage you to do this. As each team comes to collect their kit, each member of the team will be required to submit a £10 (cash) deposit, before any kit is given out. If ALL the kit, **in the required condition**, has been returned by the deadline, then the deposits will be returned, AFTER the kit has all been checked.

Failure to return ANY part of the kit, or pay for its replacement, will mean ALL deposits from that team will be retained by the school. A full price list of kit will be issued with the kit.

In order to ensure kit is all returned efficiently, we suggest the following:

- (a) tents are only taken home by students who are able to dry it out THOROUGHLY, be it in a garage or dry/spare room. This does not mean those students have to carry the tent during the expeditions.
- (b) Trangias are properly cleaned - they will survive dishwashers. Black, burned food must be removed - Brillo pads do an excellent job with much elbow grease!
- (c) small kit will be issued in a large plastic bag and will contain: First Aid kit, bivvy bag, high visibility jackets, storm shelter, map case and relevant maps, compasses and gas bottles. A list of the exact content will be given. We suggest that students get together at the end of the expedition and pool the contents back into the bag before returning home - one student then returns the whole bag back to the school.

I attach a returns letter. This needs to be returned by each student, together with a £10 cash deposit on the day the kit is issued. The date of collection and of return of the kit is below.



Mr C. Lumsden

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Name of student :

Tutor Group :

Team name or number :

I agree to the terms of the loan of DofE equipment.

I enclose a £10 (cash) deposit.

I will return the equipment taken by the above deadline or risk forfeiting my and my team's deposits.

Signature :

To be completed ONLY when the kit has been returned, checked and the deposit refunded:

I confirm that the deposit for the above expedition has been returned to me by the school.

Signature :

Attach your £10 note here