



3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023  
BCh/SSn

Dear Parents/Carers

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, all Year 9 pupils will be out on the school field participating in an on-site 'expedition' where they will be working through a series of challenges and tasks in small groups. This is an excellent opportunity for pupils to develop the important skills of teamwork and problem solving, as well as developing their character and determination- a key part of 'The Malling School Way'.

Pupils will be outside all day so suitable clothing should be worn. We recommend:

- Trainers or walking boots (no open-toed footwear or sliders)
- Trousers or leggings, not jeans. Shorts can also be worn
- T-shirt or long sleeve top, not vest tops
- Jumper/warm layer
- Waterproof jacket with hood
- Sun hat
- Suncream

Although we will be returning to the school site at break and lunch, we will be out on the school field for the day and pupils need to be prepared for the weather (we will not be going inside if it is raining so every child must bring a suitable jacket). Pupils will not need to bring their usual school equipment, but they may require a bag for their additional clothing.

All pupils will be required to participate and will be supported to do so, but we will maintain our usual high expectations. Mobile phones are not to be used during the day and SWAT will be used where necessary. We will also give out TMSW points for excellent participation.

Part of the expedition will be supervised camp cooking and pupils will be using Trangia stoves to prepare boil-in-the-bag meals. There will be a choice of meal including a vegetarian option, but children do not have to eat the meal if they do not wish (lunch and breaktime canteen food will be available as normal). The meals will be vegetable curry and rice (vegetarian and gluten-free) or chicken tikka and rice (gluten free).

If your child has opted to complete the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award, this event will satisfy the expedition section. You will be invited to an information evening later in the month to find out more information about the rest of the award.

Yours sincerely,

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