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Qualifying Gold Expedition - Monday 23 September – Thursday 26 September 2019 Expedition on Arran

Planned Itinerary :

Monday 23 September: meet at Ardrossan Ferry terminal 06.30am to catch the 07.00am sailing to Brodick, MCHS and Adventure Expedition staff will be there to supervise pupils on the ferry. The Expedition starts in the North of Arran. Pupils will therefore need to take a public bus up to Thundergay. This will take around 40 minutes. Pupils will need to have the correct change ready, so please make sure you have change up to the value of £5 to cover the bus trips. Pupils will meet their Adventure Expedition Leader/Assessor and have all of the necessary checks/issuing of equipment before setting off. At the end of the first day, pupils will stay at Lochranza campsite in the North of Arran (01770830273). Toilets and drinking water are available at this campsite. Adventure Expedition leaders will be present and a member of MCHS staff.

Tuesday 24 September: pupils will continue on their expedition, heading South with a variety of terrain, utilising the wild country navigation skills learnt during their training sessions. Camp on second night is a wild camp in a beautiful location. There is a water source available but pupils will need to boil all water before drinking or using it for cooking (water purification tablets should be used). Adventure Expeditions provide trowels for toilet needs but pupils must remember to bring a good supply of loo roll and hand sanitizer, as well as some plastic bags for carrying their used loo paper out.

Wednesday 25 September: pupils continue with their expedition journey towards the South coast. On the third night pupils are at a Middleton Cordon campsite in Lamlash 01770600251 and they can therefore take advantage of the drinking water and toilet facilities again!

Thursday 26 September: the final day of the expedition finishes at the South coast of the island at Laih Kilmory, pupils will have walked from North to South – a great achievement! Pupils will take the public bus to Brodick back to the ferry terminal. They can relax with an ice cream and they have time to purchase food/snacks. Pupils will catch the 16:40 ferry from Brodick to Ardrossan (arriving at 17:35). A member of staff will be present on the ferry.

Parents must collect pupils at Ardrossan ferry terminal. Pupils will be advised to keep in contact with parents in case they do not make this sailing.

Mobile Phones

The mobile phone signal on Arran outside of the mountainous areas is predominantly good, however, as with all areas in the UK we cannot guarantee that there is a signal at all times. Adventure Expeditions is happy for pupils to bring mobile phones as they are part of our safety system, but pupils must ensure that they have enough charge left in it at all times should they need to make an emergency call.

Should you need to make contact call K. Ward 07816673605 or Adventure Expeditions 01305 813107/ 07400 457294 and we can then make contact with the Instructors and Assessor in the quickest and most efficient way possible.

If you should have any questions concerning the Qualifying Expeditions please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours faithfully

K. Ward
Duke of Edinburgh Leader