



HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Public Services – Unit 9 – Expedition Skills

Part of the assessment process for the Expedition Skills Unit for public services is my judgement of each student's performance on a multi-day expedition. Your child may have mentioned that they have been planning this expedition for several weeks. The details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 22 June 2021 – Friday 25 June 2021

Area: Snowdonia National Park, North Wales

Transport: School minibus

Staff: Mr Jackson

Parental contribution: £30 (the school is paying all accommodation and transport costs, we only ask for this contribution towards the cost of feeding your child). I have attached the proposed programme, together with a recommended personal equipment list. Please note this programme is weather dependent and may be adjusted during the trip to reflect prevailing conditions, as the safety of students is of paramount importance. Whilst reaching the summit of Snowdon is an important objective to the students, it is not a requirement of the course. Therefore, adverse weather conditions will mean we will not attempt to walk to the top but will complete a low level walk instead.

As part of the planning process students should have identified what they need to bring. Please do encourage, in fact insist, that they pack their own clothing and equipment. It is quite possible the weather will be cold and wet, although we hope not! The school has a reasonably comprehensive supply of equipment so please do not purchase equipment that may not be used again by your family.

All walks are 'shadow' walks, so each group will have a staff supervisor who will be in sight of, or in 'walkie talkie' range of, students at all times.

Inevitably a trip like this requires me to complete many risk assessments as, by the very nature of the activities, students are at risk of injury when walking, camping, cooking. The group your child is in has consistently performed well throughout the year and are a pleasure to work with. However, the highest standards of behaviour will be insisted upon at all times. One of the risks staff need to monitor is both heat and cold. We will expect students to apply sun cream if conditions suggest it is appropriate and we expect them to wear appropriate waterproof and warm clothing if necessary; despite any concerns they have about how trendy they look! I hope you will support me by reminding your child of this before we depart.

We will be leaving school between 12 noon and 1pm on the Tuesday and will return on the Friday, hopefully before 4pm.

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On this occasion our preferred method of payment is cash, as we have to purchase food before and during the visit. This needs to be handed into reception, in an envelope with your child's name and trip name on the front. A receipt will then be issued. Please logon to ParentPay to give your consent for this trip and to confirm you and your child have read and understood the attached Code of Conduct.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this expedition.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Jackson', with a decorative flourish above the first few letters.

Mr M Jackson
Teacher of Public Services

Student Code of Conduct

Please retain for your reference

HGSC seeks to provide both educational and social/recreational opportunities during school trips. Trips will include both directed time on visits and excursions, as well as informal time within the hostel/hotel and its surrounding area.

Students are required to abide by the following guidelines for both their own safety and for the general good order and organisation of the trip.

1. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a polite manner at all times and to comply with the requests and instructions of accompanying staff and other adults in the party. Students are expected to show respect for the local population and for the customs and history of the area.
2. Students are expected to be prompt for all visits, excursions and meeting for all meals. Students are required to show consideration for other hostel/hotel guests by keeping noise to a minimum in their own rooms unless there are valid reasons for doing otherwise (fire alarms, visits to the toilets etc.) they must become familiar with the fire precautions and emergency evacuation procedures of the hostel/hotel.
3. Students are expected to remain with the group and must comply with the instructions of the accompanying staff. Students are strictly forbidden to wander off on their own at any time. They must not leave the hostel/hotel area and its surroundings after dark and must co-operate fully with the safety guidance of the hotel reception and security staff. All students must return to the hotel at the time specified by the staff and report their presence to the relevant member of staff.
4. Students are expected to obey the safety regulations of the hostel/hotel staff when using hostel/hotel facilities, especially where sporting equipment or swimming pools may be concerned. They must comply with the requests of the instructors when participating in sporting activities.
5. Students must remain within the safety areas for swimming and any hire and use of recreational equipment for use in any water environment must be approved in advance by the accompanying staff.
6. We do urge all students to lock valuable items away in security boxes if available. It is advisable to hand in cash/valuables to the staff if there is no security box in the bedroom; this applies to i-pods and other valuable items, which we do not recommended bringing on the trip.
7. Students are strictly prohibited from purchasing or drinking alcohol at any time. This is school policy and will result in serious disciplinary action upon return.
8. Students are expected to note very clearly that they are forbidden to engage in dealing, possession or use of any illegal drugs. Any instance of such conduct may result in criminal proceedings and the implementation of the school discipline and exclusion procedures.
9. Students are expected to note very clearly that accompanying staff cannot assume legal responsibility for students who break the law. Accompanying staff will also expect students to abide by the terms of the agreement. Any student who contravenes the conditions will be restricted to the confines of the hostel/hotel and in serious cases of misconduct the parents/carers will be asked to collect their son/daughter.
10. Students and parents/carers should understand clearly that expenses for such an emergency return home, necessitated by misconduct, will not be the financial responsibility of the school.
11. The student/parent/carer will be expected to bear the expense of any damage caused through the action of misconduct. Payment must be made on the trip if possible, or immediately on our return. No refund will be given for any part of the trip curtailed through such student misconduct.
12. As part of the trip experience a photo record will be made of the trip. The photos will only use by the school for promotional/marketing purposes and as a record of the trip. Please inform the trip staff if you do not wish to have your photo taken.

Students and their parents/carers are required to give their agreement to the conditions by signing the Student Code of Conduct Contract.

Equipment List

Item – Essential	Available from school?	from	Item – Suggested	
Walking boots	Yes		Shorts	
Waterproof Jacket	Yes		Camera	
Waterproof trousers	Yes		Book	
20 litre or larger rucksack	Yes		Sunglasses	
Sleeping bag	Yes		Sun cream/insect repellent	
Sleep Mat	Yes			
Camping Plate/Bowl/KFS	Yes			
Socks				
Underwear				
Long trousers NOT jeans				
Thermal base layer top				
T shirts				
Long sleeved top				
Fleece/warm jacket				
Sun hat				
Warm hat				
Gloves				
Wash kit				
Towel				

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday 22 June	12.00noon	Drive to Snowdon
	5.00pm	Arrive & pitch tents
Wed 23 June	7.00am	Wake up
	7.00am – 8.00am	Breakfast
	9.00am – 12.00noon	Check route cards, pack rucksack, prepare lunch
	12.00noon	Depart CP for Snowdon
	12.30pm	Groups away
	3.00pm – 6.00pm	Navigation exercise
	6.00pm	Set up overnight camp on lower levels of Snowdon
	9.00pm	Bed
Thursday 24 June	6.30am – 8.00am	Wake & breakfast/strike camp
	8.00am – 5.00pm	Ascend/descend Snowdon
	5.30pm	Evening meal – either cooked by students or “Pete’s Eat’s” cafe
	8.00pm	Arrive back at Swallow Falls
	8.00pm – 10.00pm	Camp fire/free time
Friday 25 June	7.30am	Wake & breakfast
	8.30am -10.30am	Pack up campsite
	11.00am	Leave Snowdon
	3.00pm	Arrive at HGSC and unpack all equipment back into the store
	4.00pm	Students free to leave HGSC