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Dear Expedition Team, Parents and Carers,

RE: Expedition Training Weekend at Spiers Bank - Cropton - 20 – 22 March 2026

The Expedition Training Weekend is an opportunity for you to try out your expedition kit and equipment (itinerary and kit list enclosed and also available on Basecamp), so you should aim to bring everything on the kit list. If you have yet to purchase any of the items, please try and borrow a similar substitute, please only bring what is on the kit list.

The location is Spiers Bank within Cropton Forest (directions enclosed, what three words location: ///conceals.harmony.hobbies). We will be camping in the field, but we will be able to use the cookhouse and bathroom facilities in the main house.

Tents and cooking equipment is provided by Outlook Expeditions. Please ensure that you bring with you any regular medicine that you need e.g. inhalers or injector pens.

The team will be provided with a budget for food and will be self-catering from Friday evening until Sunday lunchtime (6 meals in total). As a team we will meet on Monday 9 March to plan the food shop for the weekend and plan for the shop.

Myself, Mr Beasley-Hall and our Expedition Leader Tim Myers will be accompanying the team on the training weekend. You will get a chance to meet us all at the 'Expedition Leader Evening' on Thursday 19 March. Students will meet with leaders at 4 pm on this date in A4 and parents and carers will be invited to join us from 5.30 pm in East Hall.

For the training expedition participants will need to organise their own transport for this (buddy up where possible) and should arrive between 5 - 5.30 pm on Friday 20 March to allow enough time to set up camp in daylight. If you could then arrange collection from Spiers Bank on Sunday 22 March at midday.

The cost of this trip is all included in the expedition fees, so there is nothing further to pay.

We advise that you do not bring any valuable items with you - mobile phones are discouraged. Additionally, there is very limited mobile coverage at Spiers Bank House, however the House does have a pay phone for emergencies.

If you have any questions about Expedition Training, please do not hesitate to contact me or Outlook Expeditions directly.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Bramley'.

Miss R Bramley
School Leader – Outlook Expeditions

