



Duke of Edinburgh Expedition: October 2018

Silver Group

Out Friday 12th Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th Friday the walk to Scout Hut from school, Saturday dropped off at route 2 and walk back to Scout Hut, Sunday dropped off at route 3 walk back to school.

Bronze Group

Group 1, 2 and 3 start at school Saturday morning and walk in a big half circle through Scalford and to the Scout Hut.

Group 1, 2 and 3 depart from Scout Hut Sunday morning big half circle through Holwell mine, Defence animal centre, Country Park, and back to school.

Day One Friday Silver Group

Tired, wet, cold, starving, desperate and excited were the emotions that each of the Duke of Edinburgh Award participants experienced in their 3 days (silver group) and 2 days (bronze group).

When the silver group started their journey on Friday Night to Holwell Scout Hut North of Melton Mowbray they were a little bit nervous but looking forward to their weekend hike through the beautiful English countryside. They had packed their rucksacks and hiked their way from JFC to the Scout Hut. For the first overnight camp under the beautiful autumn sky.

Day Two Saturday Silver and Bronze Group

Luckily enough for both groups, it wasn't raining but very windy silver and bronze groups started their 13 Km approximately on the Saturday the silver Group starting at Old Dalby, The bronze Groups heading to Scalford and on to Eye Kettleby and then Melton Scout Hut. Walking through forests, fields, streams, mud, disused railways tracks, uphill and downhill, until they finally reached the last checkpoint and the campsite no casualties a hearty meal and then bedded down for the night.

Day Three Sunday Silver and Bronze Group

After sleeping through a blustery night, all were woken up at 06.50am by the heavens deciding it was time for everyone to get up as heavy rain began pouring down on to the tents. The students had to cook a breakfast, pack rucksacks, pack away tents and set off on route 3 for the silver group and route 2 for the bronze group. It rained all day with all students and walking staff getting soaked to the skin, However, throughout the day laughing joking and being very merry and confident in the skills that they had learnt beforehand.

A good weekend had by all concerned, and all looking forward to the final expedition in 2019.

Mr D'O'Brien

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