



St. OSCAR ROMERO CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Participants, Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all well and are looking forward to life going back to normality! Here is the latest Dofe information for you which I said I would send every couple of weeks. Thank you if you were able to make the Zoom call a couple of weeks ago, it was good to get some feedback and collaborate more.

We have included below the dates/sessions and key moments for the Dofe 2020 participants of which we have 33 students out of 40 still participating. The details for the up and coming event on the 27th March can be seen below also. If you have any queries please do email pdean@stromeros.co.uk

Up and coming Dates

Detail will follow for each session

Thursday 25th March at 3pm - Training Exped Planning and detail about 27th March Event
Saturday 27th March - Carousel Training Day - all must attend - (9am to 3pm at school) - See below
Thursday 15th April (Easter Holidays) - Practice/Assessment Expedition planning day (in school 9am to 3pm)
Thursday 22nd April at 3pm - Final Practice Expedition session
Saturday 24th April & Sunday 25th April - Practice Exped (Parent drop off at 8.30am and pick up at 5pm at local Downs locations).
Thursday 29th April at 3pm - Practice Exped debrief and Assessment planning
Thursday 6th May at 3pm - Exped Assessment planning
Saturday 8th May and Sunday 9th May - Exped Assessment & Silver Practice Exped (Parent drop off at 8.30am and pick up at 5pm at local Downs locations).
Saturday 26th June - Silver Exped Assessment planning day (9am to 3pm at School)
Saturday 10th July, Sunday 11th July and Monday 12th July - Silver Assessment in the New Forest

Saturday 27th March - Expedition Carousel Training Day.

This training day has been set up to develop and consolidate the Expedition training that the participants have already started. Here are the timings and outlines of the day. Please email Mr Dean to confirm your attendance pdean@stromeros.co.uk and any medical or dietary requirements.

9.00am Arrival and split in to 4 teams

- 9.15am** All in Navigation Workshop with the whole team
10.00am Camp craft Workshop with Charlotte Price and Tatiana Dean (Young adult Dofe Award holders)
10.45am Break
11.00am First Aid and Incident management Workshop with Ms Saksena and Mrs House
11.45am Team development and Leadership Workshop with Ms Hughes and Mr Bell
12.30pm BBQ (provided) by Debs Dean (MasterChef wannabe!)
1.15pm Expedition Food Workshop with Mr Price and Mr Dean
2.00pm Route planning session in Expedition Teams
2.30pm Debrief and Q&A
3.00pm Finish

Kit list to bring on the day

- Warm clothes and a coat (if it rains we'll still be outside - it is Dofe afterall!)
- An item of food that can be cooked during the cooking workshop (agreed by all in the team and brought with you on the day)
- Suitable footwear for the gym and outside
- Notepad and pen
- OL11 OS map (only if you have one already)

We are planning to launch the Year 9 Dofe Program from this week, with the start being after Easter. Their expedition season is September onwards.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information via email or phone
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Kind regards

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