

## RISK ASSESSMENT

**This risk assessment has been written specifically for a Duke Of Edinburgh's Award Expeditions, in areas such as or similar to The Brecon beacons that have been checked by BXM**

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**The risk ratings can be of a high/Medium or Low and must have more than one preventative measure for Medium or high risk ratings.**

**Please note that although a Senior decision can authorise and make changes, it is all leaders and teachers responsibility to report any risks.**

Potential Hazard	Who is at risk?	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Preventative Measures	Responsibilities
Crossing a road	Individuals in the group	Leaders to ensure that individuals are briefed about roads, and that routes are redirected where appropriate	Medium	During remote supervision, the leader will always use this as an opportunity to use as a check point where appropriate	All staff and participants to ensure they are sensible.
Gas stove burning or catching a tent on fire	Individuals in the group	Full training to be given on gas stoves prior to participants using them. First Aid staff and kits available.	Low	Clarity of understanding checks, supervision during training exercises. A visual assessments during training, Training to be given to participants on burns. Use long reach lighters	The group to behave and act properly and carefully, First Aid kits to carried. Leaders to do visual and verbal checks
Drowning	Individuals in the group	Individuals will be directly supervised during training weekends, During remote supervision, routes are checked thoroughly prior to all expeditions.	Low	Areas to be checked by BXM and Leaders to be made aware of areas with potential danger. Participants to be instructed on the dangers.	BXM Management and Leaders
Illness or injury	Individuals in the group	Leaders to have copies of the Emergency evacuation procedures. There will be extra staff within 1 hour drive on Saturday, 90 minutes on the final day. The school are picking up on final day (within an hour drive also). Areas checked by BXM for hazards Leaders/instructors to directly supervise the training weekends.	Med	Participants to be taught how to know when food is fully cooked. Leaders to be vigilant for any changes in the terrain when walking or general surroundings	BXM Management to pass procedures to Leaders Leaders to make themselves aware of the procedures. Leaders to be vigilant throughout Participants to take care.

Getting lost	All	Leaders to be briefed on a route that has been walked by the BXM team. Leaders to carry a GPS in remote areas Leaders to work with in their qualified level of competence. Participants to only be remotely supervised after assessment by BXM staff.	Low	Groups to be directly supervise during the training or competence levels are reached.	BXM Management to pass on route details Leaders to use their skills to navigate appropriately.
High winds	All Participants	The route is along a path	Medium	The paths on the coast are good and deemed safe. Along the coastline, leaders would directly supervise or re-route if winds were dangerous. Students will be briefed regarding this also.	BXM to check and assess routes. All adults to express any concerns to senior leaders
Hot Sun leading to heat exposure or sun burn, Hyperthermia	All Participants	The weather has been checked, highly unlikely in March/April 2015 this will be a problem.	Low	The groups clothing will be checked and assessed throughout the day to ensure no one is over dressed for the heat. Sun tan lotion will be carried by the leader. The leader will check all students have a sufficient amount of water and the leader will also carry water.	The Leader to check the group and be responsible for ensuring water is available. Spare water tablets will be taken.
Cold winds, rain or weather leading to Hypothermia	All Participants	The weather will be checked regularly, groups will have appropriate clothing.	High	Sufficient layers to be taken by every group member and spares taken by the leader, also a tent for protection from the elements as the fly sheet can be used as an emergency shelter. A stove will be taken to heat some water to help heat someone up. First Aid kit and phone will be carried.	The Leader to re-assess the weather situation and especially after midday. Leader to carry extra gear, The Leader to check the groups clothing prior to departure.
A slip or fall on an incline	All Participants	The route goes along a paths.	Medium	I first Aid kit will be carried, participants will stick to paths, training will be given on decents.	The Leader to be vigilant and assess routes constantly