



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

May 2017

Dear Parents and Students

Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition 17th – 20th July 2017

The Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition will take place in the North Yorkshire Moors from Monday 17th – Thursday 20th July 2017. Students need to be at school by **7.45am** on Monday 17th. We return to school at approximately 6.00pm on the Thursday evening, We will travel together by coach – there is, inevitably, some flexibility needed regarding the return time as it depends on the progress of the groups, but your son/daughter will be in contact with you if this time needs to be revised. Friday 21st July has been reserved for kit return and report writing. Students **must** be available on this day to write their reports and return tents, rucksacks, Trangias and any other kit they have borrowed.

Kit (group and individual) will be picked up from LES at 4pm on:

Tuesday 11th July (LAB groups)
Wednesday 12th July (EMP groups)

The participants will be walking unaccompanied in groups of 4 or more and will be assessed during the four-day expedition by an independent assessor appointed by the North Yorkshire Moors Expedition Panel. Staff will check the progress of the groups on a regular basis and will stay nearby. Students will be given emergency contact details nearer the time. If parents or guardians need to contact students during the week please either contact school on 01423 885814 or, out of school hours, contact Miss Phillpotts on 07824 883 661.

Information relating to health and emergency contacts will be taken from the medical form filled in when your son/daughter entered the Sixth Form. If there are any amendments to this information please write them on the Consent Form. If your son/daughter's medical details indicate that they need medication such as inhalers or hay fever tablets, please ensure that they bring them on the trip.

Please pay £60 either via Parent Pay or by cheque (cheques should be made payable to *St Aidan's School* with the pupil name and 'Gold DofE' written on the reverse).

As the purpose of the expedition is to be self-sufficient for 4 days we ask that students **do not** bring mobile phones (except for the nominated students acting as an emergency contact for their group). We would ask parents to support us in this by not contacting students unnecessarily during the expedition, nor encouraging students to contact home.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions about the expedition. Thank you for your continued support of your son/daughter's participation in the Award.

Yours faithfully

Miss Phillpotts
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

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I consent to my son/daughter taking part in the above Expedition and enclose a cheque for £60.00. I also confirm that any changes to the Medical/Emergency Contact details provided on entering Sixth Form are listed below:

Signed Parent/Guardian Date:.....

Student's Name:..... Tutor Group:.....

Please return directly to Miss Blewitt or Miss Phillpotts by Friday 19th May.

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