

March 2018

Dear Parents and Students

**Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award – Practice Expedition**

The Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award groups will be undertaking their practice expedition from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March in the Yorkshire Dales.

We depart from St Aidan's **at 7am** on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March by coach.

Students will need to be collected from their finish points on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

- LAB groups finish at the Auction Mart at Leyburn (grid reference 113 907)
- EMP groups finish at Pinker's Pond, Coverdale (grid reference 114 869)

We cannot give an exact finish time, as each group will follow a different route at a different pace. We suggest that you arrive at the finish point for 4pm on the Sunday afternoon. We may contact you if groups are due to finish earlier. There are many nice walks nearby and Leyburn has quite a few cafes. Please do lift share where possible and if transportation home from the expedition causes problems, do not hesitate to contact us.

Please complete the attached consent form and return it to Miss Phillpotts/Miss Blewitt. **even if you have paid on ParentPay and ticked the consent box.**

It is a Duke of Edinburgh requirement that participants be self-reliant during the expedition and therefore the purchase of food and drink and use of mobile phones is not permitted. Students need only bring a mobile phone if they are one of two designated emergency contacts within their group. We would appreciate your support in this matter and ask you not to contact your son/daughter via their mobile during the expedition.

You can contact Miss Phillpotts on 07824 883661 during the expedition with queries. There may not always be full reception but please do leave a voicemail and perhaps send a text message and we will get in touch with you as soon as we move to an area with signal. The emergency contact for the expedition out of school hours is Mr Holdsworth on 07793 815 824.

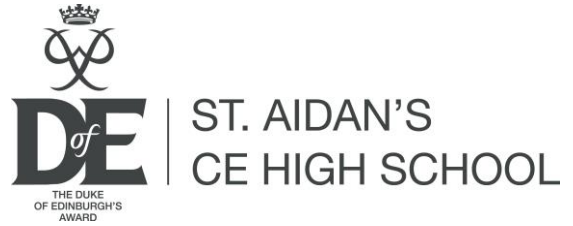
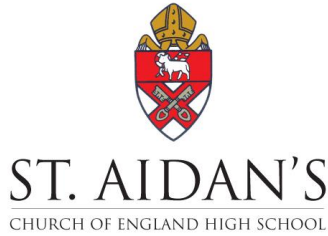
If you have any questions at all about the expedition, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Phillpotts or Miss Blewitt at school. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Yours faithfully

Miss Phillpotts and Miss Blewitt  
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Coordinators

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I consent to my son / daughter taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition in the Yorkshire Dales between Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March. I also confirm that any changes to the medical/emergency contact details provided are listed below:

Signed Parent / Guardian: .....

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

**Please return to Miss Phillpotts/Miss Blewitt by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

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