



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

May 2018

Dear Parents and Students

Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition 16th – 19th July 2018

The Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition will take place in the North Yorkshire Moors from Monday 16th – Thursday 19th July 2018. Students need to be at school by **7.45am** on Monday 16th. We return to school at approximately 6.00pm on the Thursday evening. The exact return time depends on the progress of the groups, but your son/daughter will be in contact with you to confirm pick up times from St Aidan's. Friday 20th July is 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 that they have borrowed.

Kit (group and individual) will be picked up from Bi6 at 4pm on:

Tuesday 10th July (LAB groups)
Wednesday 11th 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 do not contact them directly. Either contact school on 01423 885814 or, out of school hours, contact Miss Phillpotts on 07824 883 661.

If there are any amendments to the medical information the school holds please write these on the Consent Form. If your son/daughter's medical details indicate that they need medication please ensure that they bring them on the trip.

Please pay £65 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).

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 during the expedition, nor encouraging students to contact home.

Headteacher: Mr J Wood

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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 M 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 £65.00/have paid on Parent Pay. 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 25th May.

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