

January 2020

Dear Parents and Students

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

The Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award groups will undertake their practice expedition from 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> March in the Yorkshire Dales. The cost of the expedition is £60.

We depart St Aidan's **at 7am** on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March and travel to the Dales by coach.

Students need to be collected from their finish points on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of March.

- KSK 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 suggest that you arrive at the finish point for 3:30pm on the Sunday afternoon; however, each group will follow a different route at a different pace, so we cannot provide an exact finish time. We may contact you if groups are due to finish much earlier or later. There are various 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.

The practice expedition is a physically demanding, self sufficient, three-day walking expedition. Participants will be walking and camping, unaccompanied, in groups of five to seven, and will be remotely supervised by members of staff who stay nearby. 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 expedition staff on 07444 813 726 at any point during the expedition if necessary. There may not always be full reception but do leave a voicemail and 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 out of school hours is Mr Holdsworth on 07444 829 320.

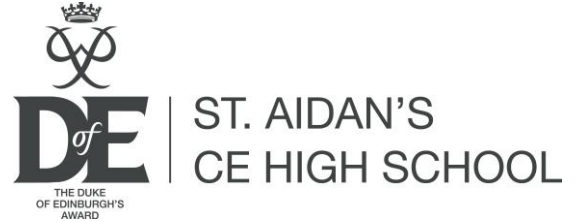
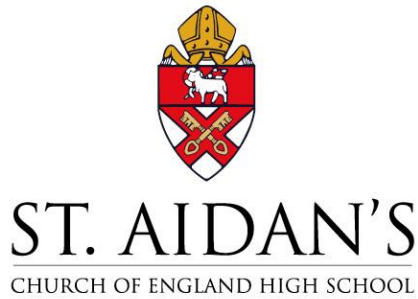
Do not hesitate to contact Miss Phillpotts or Miss Kilsby at school if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Phillpotts and Miss Kilsby  
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Coordinators

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Headteacher: Mr C Burt



**If you are paying by cheque or need to update and medical details** please complete the attached consent form and return to Miss Phillpotts/Miss Kilsby. If you choose to pay via ParentPay then you can tick the consent box online.

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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 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of March. **I enclose a cheque** for £60. *If paying by cheque please make it payable to 'St Aidan's School' and write the student's name, form and 'Gold DofE' on the reverse.*

Signed Parent / Guardian: .....

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

**Please return to Miss Phillpotts/Miss Kilsby by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

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