



# ST EDWARD'S OXFORD

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Dear Parent,

I'm writing to give advance warning of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition dates in case your son/daughter is thinking of taking part next year.

We are running a walking expedition in the Lake District during the Easter holidays and canoeing expeditions during summer half term in Scotland and possibly an alternative expedition to Canada towards the end of the summer if there is sufficient interest.

The Expeditions are very demanding and participants must be fully prepared so it is vital that your son/daughter is able to attend all training and practice sessions or they will not be able to go on the qualifying expedition for reasons of safety.

Walking Expedition dates:-

1<sup>st</sup> practice: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1.30pm - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2pm (start of exeat)

Training day: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 9am-5.30pm

2<sup>nd</sup> practice: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 8.45am - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 9pm (start of exeat)

Qualifying Expedition: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 12pm - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 3pm (Easter holidays)

Please note that there are a number of other school trips planned so please check for clashes if your son/daughter is planning to go on any other trips.

Canoeing Expedition practice dates have yet to be confirmed.

If your son/daughter would like to be involved in the canoeing expedition they should register their interest with Mr Clapham who can be contacted on [claphamj@stedwards.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:claphamj@stedwards.oxon.sch.uk), canoe dates will be confirmed next term.

Registration for the Gold Award will take place next term and more information will be sent to parents of pupils who express an interest but please get in touch if there is anything more you would like to know at this stage or log onto the Duke of Edinburgh's Award website [www.theaward.org](http://www.theaward.org) for general information about the award and what it involves.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Jo Shindler