



# Emmanuel College

7 September 2018

Dear Parent

**Year 13 Duke of Edinburgh Award, Gold Assessed Expedition  
Yorkshire Dales & Howgill Fells  
Tuesday 18 to Saturday 22 September 2018**

I am writing to inform you of an exciting opportunity for students in Year 13, which we are planning for Tuesday 18 to Saturday 22 September.

This event will be assessed by an external assessor and will require students to use all knowledge gained from lessons and previous practice expeditions. We will be leaving College at 4:00pm on the Tuesday and will return by approximately 6:30pm on the Saturday; transport will be by school mini-bus. Students should bring money for a fish and chip supper which we will have in Kirkby Stephen on the Tuesday evening, and £20 to cover any possible campsite costs. Students have already been briefed on the equipment they should bring.

Students will be staying at four of eighteen campsites in the Yorkshire Dales and Howgill Fells area, and completing 40-50 miles of walking over the course of the four days. The movements of each group will be monitored by College staff. Eight staff will be assisting to supervise, all of whom are trained in navigation and supervision, and four of whom are Walking Group Leader qualified or equivalent. Staff will not be walking with students or staying at the same campsites; however, they will ensure students pass certain checkpoints, meet with them on a daily basis and ensure they reach their campsite each day.

The campsites being used have very basic facilities, and many do not have toilets. Students have been trained in first-aid, navigation and camp-craft, and they will be expected to operate independently from staff. Students must bring boots, waterproofs maps and all expedition paperwork to a pre-expedition assessment, which will be carried out by the external assessor on Wednesday 12 September. Following the expedition, students are required to submit a written account or PowerPoint presentation for assessment.

To promote independence and to ensure safety, personal mobile phones must not be taken on this visit, but must be handed in beforehand. All groups will be issued with a College mobile phone for emergency use.

Please [click here](#) to acknowledge Emmanuel's Behaviour Contract, complete the parental consent and medical information, and to read the College's Visits Terms and Conditions (including non-uniform dress code). Please could you complete all forms **by Wednesday 12 September**.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at College.

Yours sincerely

S Leonard  
**DofE Award Manager & Head of Outdoor Education**