



EMMANUEL COLLEGE
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Dear [RecipientTitle] [RecipientSurname]

Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Expedition Kit Advice

It has been fantastic to see so many students completing their DofE Awards in recent weeks, including our first Gold completion of the year last week. The past few months has also been a time when students have been starting their Awards, some as new entrants and others moving on to the next level. The focus this term has been on approving new activity programmes for the volunteering, physical and skills sections of the Award. However, as we move towards Christmas thoughts are turning to the expedition section as we look forward to the preparations that students will make next term for expeditions later in the year.

I am writing to pass on some advice regarding expedition kit as it may be that you would wish to purchase some of this as Christmas gifts or to make the most of the January sales. Further information regarding expedition kit will be given to students in training sessions next term but I hope this early advice will prove helpful.

There are certain items of kit that are more important to a child's experience of an expedition than others. Please [click here](#) to see our advice sheet where I have listed these items along with some advice on what to look for and the price you can expect to pay.

The DofE issues its own comprehensive expedition kit list with its own recommendations, and this can be viewed by clicking [here](#). Further advice from DofE on expedition kit can also be found via the link.

Please remember that students can obtain discount of 10% or more on expedition kit by using their DofE card at Go Outdoors, Blacks, Millets, Ultimate Outdoors and Tiso.

Students are not required to buy everything as College holds a good stock of rucksacks, roll mats and sleeping bags, which students can borrow, alongside a small stock of boots and waterproofs.

Should you have any further queries regarding expedition kit, or other sections of the Award, please don't hesitate to contact me at College.

Yours sincerely

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