

**THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME**

1. The school is committed to providing girls with the opportunity to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and has developed a tradition of preparing large numbers of girls to achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold.
2. The school does not act as an operating authority for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The operating authority for the school is the Corporation of London.
3. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme requires participants to undertake some activities for which they alone assume responsibility and also requires participants to take part in expeditions which are normally unaccompanied. These activities are essential to the Scheme's philosophy, which emphasises the development of self-reliance.
4. It is therefore recognised that some Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme activities, including practice and assessed expeditions differ from other types of School Educational Visits.
5. These differences include young people undertaking expeditions in groups which are unaccompanied and which involve young people camping out over night without necessarily being under direct adult supervision.
6. All expeditions and similar activities are organised in accordance with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme guidelines, as contained in The Duke of Edinburgh Award Handbook and Expedition Guide.
7. When young people are unaccompanied, they are subject to remote supervision through regular checks.
8. Supervision of CLSG students on Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme expeditions may be undertaken by members of CLSG staff or may be undertaken by fully qualified adults provided by approved Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Centres (such as the Jubilee Centre in Essex) with which the school works. The group leader and teachers retain ultimate responsibility for pupils at all time during adventure activities, even when the group is under instruction by a member of the provider's staff. The provider is responsible for the safe running of an activity. Clear handover and handback procedures should be in place. Everyone, including the pupils, must have an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the school staff and the provider's staff.
9. Some opportunities for expeditions at Silver and Gold level may be taken up directly by individual girls or groups of girls from approved Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Centres and other providers. When this occurs, the school is not the organiser of the activity and the activity does not constitute a CLSG Educational Visit. The school does not have a duty of care for the participants, and does not accept any responsibility for the organisation of the activity. Where this occurs, similar conditions pertain to those outlined in Annex K in relation to STA.