

Dear Parents

Duke of Edinburgh International Award: Adventurous Journey to Oman 18-25 Feb,2017

As part of the Duke of Edinburgh International Award (**IA**), students are expected to undertake an Adventurous Journey (**AJ**) – a purposeful journey of 2 days & 1 night for Bronze, 3 days & 2 nights for Silver and 4 days & 3 nights for Gold. Students work in small groups (4-7), planning, navigating, and camping independently. Students are assessed on how they practise the skills they learn throughout the various practice camps. They are given as much independence as possible during their journey while remotely supervised by teaching staff for backup in case of emergency.

Your child has been invited to apply for a place on the school's **AJ** to Oman. Departing February 18 and returning on February 25, 2017 (dates will be confirmed when we have booked flights). Students will spend eight days in Oman in Nakhal area, Abayad area and Wadi bani Awf which are safe areas that provides excellent wild camping, walking and exploring territory.

The cost of the trip is SR5000 and includes transportation and hotel accommodation (2 nights). School chaperones will travel with the students. The school will provide stoves and fuel for cooking, but all food must be provided by the students in accordance with the **IA** regulations. The students will take food with them from Saudi Arabia and there will be an opportunity to purchase additional food in Oman. Students will also be required to provide their own camping gear.

In Oman, students will carry out their **AJ** according to their levels while being monitored by the **AJ** supervisors for safety and assessed by the **AJ** assessors. Extra days are added to allow for extra practice and avoid any disappointment. The last two nights are back in the hotel where students present their findings from their journey.

There is a limited number of places on the trip. If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated according to the students' commitment towards the Award and their performance on training camps and different Award sections.

If you would like your child to participate in Oman AJ, please complete the attached form and return it with a non-refundable or transferable deposit of SR2000 by October 5th. This deposit will be refunded if your child is not given a place on the trip. If the trip is cancelled due to reasons beyond our control, every effort will be made to refund payments. If your child is given a place on the trip, a second installment of 2000SR will be due on November 1st and the last payment of 1000 SR will be due on December 5th 2016.

Yours sincerely,
Hayfa Homs
DofE IA Leader and Coordinator

PARENTAL PERMISSION, LIABILITY WAIVER AND TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP FORM

Our child _____ has our permission to participate in the IA 2017 Oman Adventurous Journey to be held from 18 February to 25 February 2017 under the sponsorship of Hayfa Homs, Tania Schnetler, Paul Jones and Nicholas Hardcastle.

We have agreed to grant Hayfa Homs, Tania Schnetler, Paul Jones and Nicholas Hardcastle temporary guardianship of _____ from 18 February to 25 February 2017.
(student's name)

Expiration date of temporary guardianship is 26 February 2017 or upon the student's return to his/her home, whichever comes first.

The temporary guardian has complete authority to make decisions necessary to safeguard our child's health and well-being and we agree to hold the International Schools Group, its Board of Trustees, administrators and all employees harmless from liability resulting from any occurrence (injury, death, theft, loss, etc.) which may take place from any cause whatsoever in connection with the care and welfare of our son/daughter during his/her participation in the IA 2017 Oman Adventurous Journey between 18 February to 25 February 2017

Date: _____ Father's signature: _____

Date: _____ Mother's signature: _____

I hereby give my permission for the above-named sponsor(s) to authorize any medical treatment necessary for our son/daughter _____ while on the IA 2017 Oman Adventurous Journey.

Date: _____ Father's signature: _____

Date: _____ Mother's signature: _____

Duplicate originals of this form need to be provided. One should be taken with the sponsor; one should be left with the site administrator.

BEHAVIOUR CONTRACT

ISG Board policy requires, that you sign a “Behaviour Contract”. Please read the following and sign it if you agree to follow these simple rules. Discuss this with your parents too, and ask them to countersign the form. If you have any questions, please talk to Mrs. Homsy, Mr. Hardcastle.

Behaviour Contract:

- I will follow instructions given by the chaperones.
- I will try to understand the culture in which I am travelling and to treat people I meet with respect and consideration.
- I will endeavour to treat my team members with kindness and consideration.
- I will cooperate with the other members and do what I can to help make this a successful trip.

I understand that should my behaviour be unacceptable that I will lose privileges, and that this may mean that I am unable to participate in future school events.

NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE

DATE

EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM

Student's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Father's Mobile: _____ Mother's Mobile: _____

Other emergency contact names and numbers (please list two):

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Name: _____ HomePhone: _____ Mobile: _____

Allergies: (List all active and inactive allergies): _____

Allergic to any medications? (If so, please list): _____

Medicine that needs to be taken while on trip: _____

Please list any other important data about your child that may prove helpful on the student study travel trip:

I grant permission for DBGS chaperones to administer medicaments as deemed necessary. Such medicaments include:

Please check appropriate box

| | yes | no |
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| ibuprofen | | |
| antihistamine tablet or cream | | |
| antibiotic ointment | | |
| insect repellent | | |
| antacid | | |

(Father's Name)

(Father's Signature)

(Date)

(Mother's Name)

(Mother's Signature)

(Date)