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Dear Parent / Guardian

Years 10 - 13 SCOTLAND EXPEDITION – THE JOHN MUIR AWARD – 16-23 July 2023

Information Evening Thursday 10th November at 6.30pm on MS Teams [Click here to join the meeting](#)



We are excited to announce the launch at RGS of The John Muir Award in conjunction with The Living Project. The John Muir Award encourages people to connect with, enjoy and care for wild places. It is an environmental award scheme which is inclusive, accessible and non-competitive, and will challenge each participant. The award is based on four challenges – Discover, Explore, Conserve and Share – and should encourage participants to appreciate nature, develop awareness of our responsibility for wild places, and promote personal development through outdoor experiences. You can find out more about John Muir [here](#).

In order to achieve their award, students will travel to the Knoydart Peninsula in Scotland, known as the UK's 'last true wilderness' for an 8-day adventure exploring the remote wilds of this incredible landscape.

The adventure starts with a memorable journey into the wilds of the Scottish Highlands via the Caledonia Sleeper train followed by a ferry across to the peninsula. You will be based at Inverie Long Beach Campsite for the first night, and then for the following four nights, you will be wild camping under the stars. The expedition will see you trekking across the landscape, taking part in a rewilding project on a journey of exploration and self-sufficiency. For more details, be sure to read through the attached brochure.

We are working alongside [The Living Project](#), who hold accreditation from the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority. The Living Project is led by Josh, Cormac and Emily, three incredible humans who hold qualifications in outdoor leadership, coaching, and mindfulness. Josh and Cormac have led more than 50 personal development expeditions in the UK and overseas and as a result have created a unique approach to facilitating meaningful learning experiences through adventure.

We will be holding an Information Evening with Josh and Emily on Teams on [Thursday 10th November at 6.30pm](#) and would be delighted if you could join us to find out more about this incredible experience. Please have a read through the attached brochure and let us know if you are able to attend by completing the form.

Cost: There are **15 places** available and the cost of this trip is **£829** and includes food, fully qualified

instructors, all group/emergency equipment, and transport. *We would not wish boys to be excluded from the trip for purely financial reasons. If you feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please do contact me in strictest confidence as there may be funding available to assist you.*

If you wish your son to take part in the trip, please **log on to Parent Pay and select 'The John Muir Award' by Friday 25th November** to pay the first instalment of £100. There are limited spaces available on the trip so the **final allocation of spaces will be on a first come, first served basis.**

Finally, I would be happy to answer any questions you may have by email (address below).

Yours sincerely,

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