



## Oundle School

Do you have a dream?

### Oundle's Adventure Awards

*If you know which course you want to study at university and there is a relevant location to explore, this is the spark for your imagination. If you have always wanted to achieve some physical challenge, this is the spur to your enthusiasm.*

Thanks to the generosity of several OOs, money is available to assist current pupils with travel schemes. The maximum award for a group is usually about £300. These awards are not provided just to help you with a holiday; there must be some real purpose behind your trip, and you must do all the planning and arrangements yourself.

The broad aim of the awards is to encourage you to use your own initiative and effort in devising and planning an academically or physically challenging holiday activity, and then in enjoying both responsibility and independence as you carry it out.

- There must be a specific purpose.
- The minimum number per group is three, for safety reasons, but other members do not necessarily need to be members of Oundle School.
- Initial applications must be presented to Mrs James (MPRJ) by 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2008.
- A summary of the trip and a skeleton plan must be handed in to MPRJ by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008: any applications which miss this date, or are deemed to lack sufficient planning and detail will be rejected at this point.
- A formal and full application of the whole trip, including meticulous planning must be presented to the Committee by 17th January 2009.
- There will be a formal interview with the Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> January, when all aspects of the itinerary, including safety, will be discussed.
- On completion of your trip you are required to 'report back' on your experiences, usually with a PowerPoint presentation to the new L6th.
- The most important part of this is your own initiative. Duke of Edinburgh schemes and organised trips are not eligible for these awards, with the exception of the Angus Award.
- The Angus Award is for Fifth Formers, and those planning particularly adventurous Duke of Edinburgh expeditions are welcome to discuss their plans with MPRJ.

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**Recent successful applications have included:**

**Cycling:** from Land's End to John O'Groats; from Ypres to Verdun; from Marathon to Sparta; Ireland, west to east; across the Hebrides; around Orkney.

**Walking:** Hadrian's Wall; Offa's Dyke; Pilgrim Route to Compostela; the route of the British VIIIth Army through Italy; Pembrokeshire Coastal Path; the Peddars Way.

**Academic Interest:** CERN; Exploring Croatia; Researching Iris Origo; Celtic Wales; Renaissance cities; Following the route of Spartacus; Hardy Country.

**SUMMARY: CRUCIAL DATES TO BEAR IN MIND**

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