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Dear Parents/Guardians

## **Madeira Atlantic Gold Expedition: Summer 2017**

Bishop Wordsworth's School is delighted to announce that an exciting 11-day adventurous expedition to Madeira with a chance to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, will be running in Summer 2017. Madeira is a fascinating volcanic island with wonderfully varied landscapes and adventurous trekking terrain. This expedition offers students a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn new skills and further their learning and development, as well as achieve this prestigious award in a unique environment.

Students will enjoy an action-packed itinerary that has been developed by country experts and DofE assessors to give them the chance to complete the expedition section of the Gold DofE Award, whilst learning about the island's fascinating geography, geology and history. Students will not only have plenty of opportunities for trekking and challenging themselves on their expedition, but will also explore the island's volcanic landscapes, traverse the coastline when mountain biking, and enjoy whale and dolphin watching.

I hope you will agree that there is great value in this expedition, not least in terms of achieving the highest level of DofE Award, but also wider global understanding and personal development. An expedition like this, especially with a nationally recognised qualification such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, is also excellent to have on your UCAS application and will make students stand out from the crowd, as well as affording them with an abundance of new skills and experiences.

There will be a parent presentation and briefing from the organisers, Far Frontiers Expeditions - who have over 20 years' experience of organising overseas expeditions for school groups - on Wednesday 27 April in the Chapel at 7pm. Both parents and students are invited to attend, and there will be a chance to ask any questions you may have. We anticipate that the cost of this trip will be around £1600. Booking forms to join the expedition, plus a full itinerary, will be handed out at the parent presentation.

If you would like to hear more about the expedition and are interested in attending this presentation, please complete and return the attached slip by Monday 25 April. Alternatively, you may email me or register your attendance online using the QR code to access the online attendance form.

Along with Far Frontiers, I very much look forward to seeing you at the meeting and welcoming your son/daughter onto the team. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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**Please return to: Mr T Churchill, email [twc@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:twc@bws.wilts.sch.uk), scan the QR code to use the online form to confirm your attendance for the meeting or use the link below (this is the preferred option).**

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Name.....

Form .....

We will be able to attend the Parent Presentation on  
**Wednesday 27 April at 7pm**



Signed..... (Parent/Guardian)

[Click here to access the online form](#)