



St. Paul's School

MANIBUS POTENTIA STUDIUM ANIMIS

29th August 2014

Dear Parents,

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL AWARD – GOLD AWARD

I am writing to inform you about the forthcoming **Duke of Edinburgh International Award (Gold)** trip that St. Paul's pupils will undertake in September 2014.

The chosen trail is the *Serra do Papagaio traverse* near the city of Itamonte (MG).

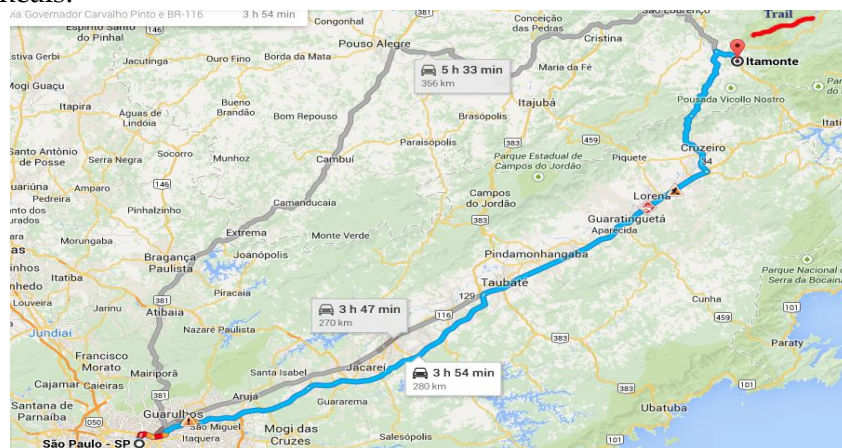
The group will leave school on **Thursday, September 4th at 08.20** and return on **Monday, September 8th at approximately 22.30**.

The International Award is an exciting self-development programme available to all 14 to 25 year olds. As part of the programme, participants have to plan for, train and complete a 4-day, 3-night expedition (Gold).

Treehouse Outdoor Education will be responsible for the logistical operation of this trip, arranging transportation, hotel (pousada), campsite, guides, technical equipment (stoves, tents, mats, etc.) and restaurants for lunch on September 4th and lunch and dinner on September 8th.

Below is the outline of the proposed expedition. However, the details might change due to weather conditions and/or other natural factors.

**September 4th:** Pupils will depart from school at 08.20, with destination Itamonte (MG). The distance São Paulo – Itamonte is 270 km (see map below). Arriving at Itamonte (approximately 12:30), the group will have lunch in a restaurant and embark on a van that will take them 11 km to the campsite and start of the trail. The group will arrive at approximately 16.00, put up tents and cook their own meals.



**September 5th to 8th:** The group will hike approximately 10 km per day and camp on wilderness campsites.

**September 8th:** The trail will end at approximately 14.00 at Pedra do Gavião campsite. There the group will have lunch prepared by the owners and will take a van back to Itamonte on a dirt road (30 km). In Itamonte, at approximately 17.00 they will embark on the micro bus that will take them

back to São Paulo. The group will stop on the way to have dinner (either on Tamoios highway or Frango Assado Carvalho Pinto) and arrive at school at approximately 22.30 pm.

The main purpose of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is to develop the students' life and social skills, and prepare them for forthcoming expeditions. They will participate in a range of challenging activities that will increase their self-confidence and independence. Students will be able to develop their communication skills, working effectively and willingly in collaboration with others. They will also be expected to act with integrity, a strong sense of fairness and show respect for each other and the group. Through the activities, students will also learn the importance of teamwork and develop a strong feeling of group awareness and strengthen friendships.

**The cost of the expedition if 8 students participate will be R\$1950, however, if more students attend the trip will be cheaper. The school will contribute 50% of the cost and therefore we will be asking the participant to pay for the other 50%. Returning the consent form will imply that your son/daughter will be attending the trip and you will therefore be billed for 50% of the cost irrespective if your son/daughter attends the trip.**

**MEDICAL INFORMATION:** Parents must make sure the medical information we hold about your child is up-to-date and contains all the relevant information for going on this expedition. Parents can view and amend the medical information we hold for their children on our confidential online database: [parents.stpauls.br](http://parents.stpauls.br)

**An original document of your child's I.D. card or passport will be required for travel.** Please note that according to EMBRATUR the Law is very explicit regarding documentation. Please make sure your child has the original ID with them during the trip. Without the correct documentation your child **will not** be allowed to travel.

**General Conditions and Information:**

- Treehouse Educação ao Ar Livre is an intermediary between its passengers and its suppliers (bus, boat and other services) and cannot be held responsible for the suppliers' failures or mistakes. However, should they cause any setbacks all efforts will be made to ensure the best solution.
- Treehouse reserves the right to change the program because of the weather conditions or any other reasons beyond their control.

The contact telephone number while we are away will be **99618-2054** but this should only be used in emergencies. If you have any further questions regarding the field trip please do not hesitate to contact me at school by email on [gwc@stpauls.br](mailto:gwc@stpauls.br).

Yours sincerely,

Graham Case  
Duke of Edinburgh International Award Co-ordinator



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**EXCURSÃO: PRÊMIO DE SILVER DO DUQUE DE EDINBURGO  
QUINTA 4 À SEGUNDA 8 DE SETEMBRO DE 2014**

**THE INTERNATIONAL AWARD EXPEDITION (GOLD)  
THURSDAY 4TH – MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2014**

**CANHOTO DE PERMISSÃO** (*Deve ser retornado até segunda feira 1 de setembro*)  
**CONSENT FORM** (*To be returned by Monday 1st September*)

Eu concedo minha permissão ao meu filho/minha filha a participar da viagem de campo acima. Entendo e estou de acordo que, enquanto meu filho/minha filha estiver acompanhando a viagem de campo, qualquer membro acadêmico da Escola Britânica de São Paulo pode autorizar que ele/ela receba tratamento médico. Eu também confirmo que as informações médicas do meu filho/minha filha que a escola mantém no Schoolbase on-line são precisas ([parents.stpauls.br](http://parents.stpauls.br)).

*I give my permission for my son/daughter to attend the above field course. I understand that whilst my son or daughter is taking part in the Field Course, that any member of St. Paul's School staff may need to give permission for them to receive Medical Treatment, and agree to this. I can also confirm that my child's medical information that the School holds on Schoolbase Online is accurate ([parents.stpauls.br](http://parents.stpauls.br)).*

Nome do aluno | *Pupil's name* \_\_\_\_\_

Assinatura | *Signed* \_\_\_\_\_

Data | *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

**It must be emphasised that, as well as being an exciting experience for your son/daughter they will be representing St. Paul's School. It is imperative that the pupils understand the need to abide by instructions to ensure their own safety and the smooth running of this field trip. Should pupils decide not to abide by these expectations then the possibility exists that they may be returned home at the parents' expense. We would be grateful if you could reinforce this message at home.**

**Pupil's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_