



Dear Parents,

EISAP

An important part of life at EIS-J is the EISAP programme. The last academic year was successful with over 192 students taking part in an expedition and over 120 awards completed. The contribution that EISAP makes to each students development is immense as it provides them with many challenges and prepares them well for future endeavors. This year the students will be taking on expeditions in the picturesque *Hajar Mountains* and the jungles of *Vietnam* and *Borneo*.

What is EISAP?

EISAP represents the International Award for Young People (or Duke of Edinburgh Award) at EIS-J HS. The International Award is an exciting self-development programme available to all young people worldwide equipping them with life skills to make a difference to themselves, their communities and their world. To date almost 5 million young people from over 110 countries have been motivated to undertake the award.

Award Levels

There are three levels of the Award in which your child can participate - Bronze, Silver and Gold, with each successive level demanding increased commitment

- **BRONZE**—for those over 14 years of age (Grade 9 +).
- **SILVER**—for those over 15 years of age (Grade 10 +).
- **GOLD**—for those over 16 years of age (Grade 11 +).

You do not have to start at the Bronze level. If you are over 15 you can join directly at the Silver level or if you are over 16, directly at Gold.

Award Components

In order to receive an award, participants need to complete the four main categories:

- **Skill** — to encourage the development of personal interests and practical skills;
- **Expedition** — to encourage a spirit of adventure and discovery;
- **Physical Recreation** — to encourage participation in sports and recreation;
- **Service** — to learn how to give useful service to others;
- **Residential Project** (*Gold Award only*)— to broaden life experiences

These can be completed at school with the ASA programme or at home with external providers.

Why Sign Up?

EISAP provides students with many and varied benefits. Combined with the obvious opportunities to grow and develop physically, mentally and socially, it is also highly regarded by institutions of higher education. I encourage any student over the age of 14 to sign up and join in the fun.

Don't just believe our word for it, read the testimonial below from one of our EIS-J HS grade 13 students and Gold Award participant:

EISAP really challenged me both mentally and physically. I had a great experience because different people had to mix together. This gave me the opportunity to bond with other students that I had never previously talked to. Now I have forged new friendships that will last forever, and I can safely say that I have new best friends that I can really rely on. Through EISAP I have been introduced to new experiences and friendships that I will cherish beyond my schooling years. I have learnt that I can overcome many obstacles with hard work and the help from those around me!

Clara Ruiz-Larrea

Expeditions

For many the highlight of their EISAP experience is taking part in the expeditions. These are extremely challenging, great fun and personally rewarding.

The dates for the 2011-12 expeditions are as follows:

- Bronze Practise Hike, Hajar Mountains 17th-18th November 2011
- Bronze Qualifying Expedition, Hajar Mountains 8th – 9th December 2011
- Local Silver & Gold Practise Hike, Hajar Mountains 10th-11th February 2012
- Silver & Gold Qualifying Expedition, Hajar Mountains 21st – 24th February 2012
- Silver Abroad Expedition, Vietnam 11th – 20th June 2012
- Gold Abroad Expedition, Borneo 10th – 20th June 2012

Note - Only **EISAP** registered students can attend these expeditions.

The sign up and collection of deposits for all of these expeditions will begin in October 2011. Intense training will take place before all expeditions to ensure success and student safety. These dates will be announced to the students in October when notes are distributed.

How to Register

If you are interested in your child becoming a part of EISAP then complete the attached registration form and return it to the EISAP office (HS39) along with the 200AED fee. This is a one-time only registration and covers training supplies, log book, handbook and some expedition expenses. Please make sure that you fill out all the correct contact details and your child selects an appropriate skill, physical recreation and service (keep a photocopy of this). Existing members moving onto the next award level need to complete the form but do not need to pay the registration fee.

Parent Information BBQ Evening

All parents are invited to learn more about EISAP at the BBQ to be held here on the side of the school football pitch on Tuesday 11th October from 5.30pm-7pm. For the students and parents who are interested in the overseas trips, there will be an information session on Monday 14th of November. Information regarding the award programme, expedition details, safety and equipment to be purchased will be discussed at both information sessions.

For more information about EISAP visit the school website, consult any EISAP staff leader, talk to current EISAP student members or visit <http://www.intaward.org/>.

Kind Regards,

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