

**Livery Schools Link Report**  
**2000-2009**



## **Introduction**

In 1993 the Lord Mayor, Sir Francis McWilliams, set up a Livery group called LOGVEC, through which Livery Companies could help schools in the four Boroughs adjacent to the City of London. In 1999 I suggested to the Adoption of Schools Working Party, a committee of LOGVEC that is now Livery Schools Link, that we should try to raise some money for schools with a Livery Companies golf day and approval was given to give it a go. It was also agreed that any money raised should be given to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award to be used in schools of its choosing. The first golf day for the Ray Jeffs Cup was in 2000 and it is now an annual event in which 26-28 teams from over 20 Companies compete, some entering 2 teams. As well as the team cup there are prizes for individual scores, nearest-the-pin, etc and its home has now been settled at Hartley Wintney Golf Club which has proved to be a welcoming club that provides a challenging test of golf.

Over the last nine years the LSL Ray Jeffs Cup Charity Golf Day has raised about £3,500 each year so 2009 will bring the total to almost £35,000. The money already Passed to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award has been used to help 19 schools to set up or fund their schemes. These schools are spread throughout the Greater London Area from Islington to Romford and Lambeth to Sidcup but they are all in deprived areas where educational needs are the greatest. The Award in the past has been seen generally as the preserve of the more privileged but it is increasingly becoming available to "ordinary" schools and academies as its true value in expanding the horizons and capabilities of the students has become fully appreciated. As long as there are schools wishing to start a scheme, LSL will continue to provide funding to help them. For many youngsters we believe it could prove the stepping stone to a career they could not have imagined.

## ***John Mason***

Captain John Mason, a Liveryman of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators has been organising a City Livery Companies' Charity Golf Day since 2000, with the initial encouragement of the predecessor body to Livery Schools Link.

## **Funding Criteria**

The Livery Schools Link funding is a single, one-off bursary intended for Schools who wish to set up the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Schools with limited financial resources available for extra-curricula activities are specifically targeted, as are those who require a means with which to generate internal motivation or the support of senior staff.

## **Overview**

Since 2000, the Livery Schools Link has awarded Duke of Edinburgh's Award startup funding to 18 Schools across London. Whilst the individual amounts varied from year to year, on average each School received approximately £1500 to kick start the DofE Programme.

Of the 18 Schools, 16 have either sustained or grown their Programme, with only 2 Schools falling to retain the Scheme.

These schools are as follows:

2000	Islington Green
2001	Stepney Green School
2001	St Paul's Way Community School
2002	Prendergast School (No longer active)*
2002	Pendragon School
2003	Archbishop Tennyson School
2004	Harris Academy Bermondsey (was Aylwin)
2005	Brampton Manor School
2006	Acland Burghley (No longer active)*
2006	Oaklands School
2006	The Charter School
2007	Cardinal Pole RC School
2007	Central Foundation School
2007	Barking Abbey Comprehensive School
2007	Royal Liberty School
2008/9	Lambeth Academy
2008/9	Kemnal Technical College
2008/9	Southfields Community College

\*Only Prendergast (2002) and Acland Burghley (2006) were unable to sustain the programme in some form.

### **Feedback and Updates from Past Beneficiaries:**

#### ***Stepney Green School*** (Tower Hamlets)

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is now cited as being at the heart of their extra-curricular Citizenship education.

#### ***St. Paul's Way Community School*** (Tower Hamlets)

Students are able to work towards the DofE during their Year 10, where twelve committed and reliable pupils are selected each year to do the Award. There are plans to further build on this success and expand capacity.



**Students from St Paul's Way School Community School on Expedition (above)**

#### ***Pendragon School*** (Lewisham)

Pendragon is a school for students with moderate learning difficulties, communication needs and autism. Thanks to the Livery School Link, Groups of Key Stage 4 students can now take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

#### ***Oaklands School***

The funding that was given to Oaklands enabled a group to be set up and one member of staff to do BEL training so that expeditions can be undertaken.

***Kemnal Technical College*** (Bromley)

Kemnal College was a recipient of the LSL grant in early January 2009. It is the first time the school has become involved with DofE. This term students in Year 10 have been offered the opportunity to gain the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award part of which requires the completion of an Expedition.

15 participants undertook their first practice expedition in May and their first qualifying expedition in June 2009. We have high hopes & expectations that this group will flourish. The grant has not only helped with material support but towards morale and status.



**(Above) Kemnal Technical College on their Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition to the North Downs, Maidstone**

“On the morning of Saturday 7th March, the intrepid explorers gathered on the front steps of the College ready to venture into the unknown. Over the course of the weekend, the Year 10's overcame ferocious farm dogs and territorial goats; they navigated paths and stiles through woodlands and fields to emerge the other side as competent navigators and close knit teams. However, with two more camping trips and a night hike in the pipeline, it is only the first of many more adventures!”



**The North Downs Expedition with Kemnal Technical College (above)**

***Brampton Manor School*** (Newham)

The Duke of Edinburgh expedition last summer went very well. In 2008, 56 of their students completed the programme, the highest number from any Newham school.



**Students from Brampton Manor on expedition (above)**

***Royal Liberty School*** (Havering)

The Royal Liberty School are now in their second full year of offering the DofE. The Programme is going very well and offered to pupils with a mixture of abilities, including some with educational needs.

In July the group carried out a practice expedition to Dorset which was very successful.



**Students from the Royal Liberty School on their Practice Expedition (above)**

## **The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Royal Liberty School**

“This year, 12 students took part in this challenging and rewarding Award. The students had varying academic backgrounds and were not in the same friendship groups.

All the students who took part learnt new skills and worked well within their teams. Their mixed ability skills did not hinder any student or team as they were all able to take part in each section, competently and confidently. Their enjoyment of the tasks was obvious as they learnt eagerly.

The students all gave 100% commitment and spent their own time being involved in learning first aid skills and keeping the school environment a safe and clean place to be. They enjoyed the walks and camping and this is where their team skills shone through. Within their teams they all made sure that everyone was able to carry out each task. The students showed their maturity and strength as friends when one of the students had very bad news on the expedition. They all rallied together and supported their friend.

The staff all felt it was a pleasure to be teaching and watching the students carry out the tasks involved. Within the team 3 of the students applied to be Head Boy and one succeeded in being appointed Deputy Head Boy and the other two were appointed Prefects.

The group were all deserving of successfully completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.”

**Julie Cooper**

**Leader at Royal Liberty School**

**Cardinal Pole RC School** (Hackney)

“We would like to pass on our gratitude to John Mason and the Livery Company for supporting Duke of Edinburgh at our school. The money is greatly appreciated.

Please find attached the photos that were taken on the day of the cheque presentation.

Yours sincerely,

**Miss J Besira**

**Teacher and Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Leader”**



**John Mason and DofE London Director Peter Fleet present the LSL funding to Cardinal Pole RC School, August 2007 (above)**

*The Charter School* (Southwark)

The Charter School in Dulwich recently started offering The Duke of Edinburgh's Award to students, thanks to an initiative by teacher Caroline Pretty.

She says: "I think the Award gives young people within inner London the opportunity to see more of the country we live in and explore it for themselves instead of through films or the media."



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a programme for 14 to 25 year olds offering outdoor activities, leadership training, voluntary work and physical activities.

The Charter School in Dulwich recently started offering the award to students thanks to an initiative by teacher Caroline Pretty. She says: "I think that the award gives young people in inner London the opportunity to see more of the country in which we live and explore it for themselves instead of through films or the media."



I think the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is good because you don't get to do that kind of thing every day. We also have to do physical recreation and some sort of volunteering. At the start of the year I was teaching some year seven students rugby and outside of school I'm tutoring someone in chess and maths.

## EXPERT ADVICE

- 1. Wesley, teenager**  
I got turned down by so many places before eventually getting a Saturday job at Moxon's fishmongers in East Dulwich. I just wanted to work and my advice is to keep trying.
- 2. Trudy, parent**  
I found that setting a realistic, reasonable curfew on coming home at night has really improved my relationship with my teenage son.
- 3. Matthew, youth worker**  
Young people can really benefit from getting involved in their communities by doing voluntary work or taking part in Southwark Council's organised activities.

Press quotes about the DofE at The Charter School, from *Southwark Life*, August 2008 (above)

## **Outcomes and Evaluation**

Over the last 9 Years, The Livery Schools Link Programme should be viewed as an incredible success. With a sustainable success rate of almost 90%, it has proved a single initial targeted donation, if used effectively, is enough to build a solid and sustainable foundation for the Programme to flourish independently. Nationally, the concept of 'kickstart' funding has since become increasingly popular across the Organisation, directly as a result of the pioneering successes of the LSL.

Furthermore, the consistent support of the LSL Funding has enabled us to quantify the cost and impact of establishing a Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group in a School or Unit.

Our Annual Statistical Reports tell us that, as a Region, a single Award group engages an average of 20 Young People in each year. During the 9 Years of LSL Funding, the 16 Operating LSL Funding Groups have contributed a total of 64 Years of Activity to date. We can therefore estimate that, at present, 1,280 Young People have so far benefited as a direct result of the Livery Schools Funding. We hope very much that this support - and its resultant long term impact - will continue to grow.

## **Afterword**

It is an enormous privilege to be involved with distributing funds on behalf of the Livery Schools Link. I would like to extend my appreciation to all those involved in the Golf Fundraising event and in particular to John Mason who is always keen to be involved with the launch events and cheque presentations at each of our new schools. It is these types of fundraising initiatives that makes the development and expansion of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award across the capital possible particularly for those schools in communities where this investment will have the greatest impact.



**Peter Fleet**

**Director - London**

**The Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

## **APPENDIX: Active School Details**

### **Archbishop Tennison**

Archbishop Tenison's CE High School  
Selborne Road  
Croydon  
CR0 5JQ  
(Croydon)

### **Barking Abbey School**

Sandringham Road  
Barking  
IG11 9AG  
(Barking & Dagenham)

### **Brampton Manor School**

Roman Road  
London  
E6 3SQ  
(Newham)

### **Cardinal Pole RC School**

Kenworthy Road  
London  
E9 5RB  
(Hackney)

### **The Charter School**

Red Post Hill  
SE24 9JH  
(Southwark)

### **Harris Academy (formerly Waverley and Alywn) Schools**

Harris Academy  
Bermondsey  
55 Southwark Park Road  
London SE16 3TZ  
(Southwark)

### **Islington Green School**

Prebend Street  
London N1 8PQ  
(Islington)

### **Kemnal Technical College**

Sevenoaks Way  
Sidcup  
Kent  
DA14 5AA  
(Bromley)

### **Oaklands School**

Old Bethnal Green Road  
Bethnal Green,  
London E2 6PR  
(Tower Hamlets)

### **Pendragon School**

Pendragon Road  
Downham  
Bromley  
Kent BR1 5LD  
(Lewisham)

### **Royal Liberty School**

The Royal Liberty School  
Upper Brentwood Road  
Romford  
Essex RM2 6HJ  
(Havering)

### **Stepney Green School**

Ben Jonson Road  
London E1 4SD  
(Tower Hamlets)

### **St. Paul's Way Community School**

Shelmerdine Close  
London  
E3 4AN