

DUKE OF EDINBURGH TRIP

Fostering
Lifelong
Global
Engagement

Duke of Edinburgh
trip to Colombia

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the development of well-rounded, globally-minded individuals, and one way that students can experience different cultures and engage with the world is through the Duke of Edinburgh Gold trip. Students travel to another country and embrace the unknown, allowing them to discover, through conversations with locals, adventurous expeditions and community service opportunities, that everyone is linked by common emotions. Learning about different customs and rituals creates new opportunities they would have never thought possible.

Through global engagement students understand what it means to walk in someone else's shoes and to develop a natural desire to lead and lend a hand when needed.

Last March, I accompanied the grade 11 students on the Duke of Ed adventure to Colombia. I witnessed first-hand the extent to which they pushed themselves, whether it was on the five-day hike or when interacting with people who live a very different reality from theirs. There was discomfort, but with that discomfort, for many, came growth.

These types of opportunities were not available when I was an LCC student, so on a personal level I gained a great deal. Specifically, I learned that as global citizens our purpose is to help others without necessarily receiving anything in return. That experience was incredibly fulfilling and especially meaningful because it was with the students that I teach. 📍

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