

J L Edwards

MEMORIAL TRUST AWARD SCHEME 2011



SCHEME INFORMATION
&
APPLICATION FORM

Who was JL Edwards?

Jack Edwards was the Headmaster of Much Wenlock Modern School for 16 years. As the first Headmaster of the school that was to become William Brookes, he had an enormous influence. He also played a role in the life of the wider community of Much Wenlock. He was a cheerful, wise and enthusiastic man who was a much loved local figure until his death in 1968. Many adults in the community including many of your grandparents and neighbours still remember him with great respect and affection.

What is the JL Edwards Trust?

After Jack died in 1968, the large community institutions of the area, like the Old Students' Football Association, the Wenlock Players, the Youth Club, the Town Councils of Broseley and Much Wenlock, the School Governors, the Rotary Club of Ironbridge, (of which Jack was a member), and many others got together to form a Trust in his name.

The idea of the Trust was to ensure that the original motto of the school, that has now become William Brookes School, lives on in the deeds and actions of its students. This was "Courtesy, Enterprise and Endeavour", three things that Jack Edwards valued very highly and wanted to encourage in the students who attended his school.

Courtesy – means being polite, kind and considerate in your manner and approach to other people.

Enterprise – being enterprising – means showing initiative, courage and imagination in what you do and the way that you do it.

Endeavour – means that you will always be committed to working hard for whatever goal you are aiming to achieve, and that you plan your activities in detail so that you can overcome any potential problems that could stop you achieving your goal.

Taken together, the motto still represents the best of what we hope young people will aspire to in their thoughts, words and actions.

The Trust has now been in place for over 40 years. During this time, funds have been raised with regular appeals which have led to donations from private individuals and from community organisations. Each year in March the Trust meets to consider a number of schemes put forward by students and to select which ones to fund. In the following November the Trust meets again at the school to hear how successful the funded schemes have been.

Students who are successful in their applications to the Trust will have thought about what they want to do and why they want to do it. The aim of the schemes put forward should be to offer students the opportunity to be supported in something that they would not otherwise be able to undertake, with the aim of improving and developing their characteristics in respect of Courtesy, Enterprise and Endeavour.

Because the funds of the Trust are limited, students must remember that not all applications will be successful. Sometimes the Trust will fully fund an application, sometimes partly and on occasion may choose not to fund an application at all if it feels that some aspect of the criteria has not been appropriately met.

The method of selection is through an informal interview of the candidates by a panel of Trustees following receipt of a detailed outline of their proposed scheme. The Trustees will be provided with these outlines in advance of the meeting in order to allow preparation of questions for the applicants.

The family, Jack's wife Betty, and his sons, Bill and Jonathan, were delighted to support the development of the Trust and successive members of the family have been pleased to work with the official Trustees who are the representatives of the community institutions mentioned above. Betty served on the Trust from 1968 until her death in 1976 at which time Bill and Jonathan became involved until 2007 and both came back to the school to assist in the selection of Award Winners each year and to hear of the success of the schemes. After the sad death of Bill in 2007, his two children, Kate and Robert, have now joined their uncle, Jonathan, as members of the Selection Committee.

The rest of this booklet will tell you how to go about making an application to the Trust. Remember, you can apply as an individual or with a friend or friends if that is what your scheme demands.

Good luck and don't be afraid to ask your tutor, other members of your tutor group or House or KS Learning Manager for further help if you need it.

2011 Awards

Up to £1000 has been set aside by the Trust for this year's awards. This means that there is the opportunity to apply for a significant sum of money and for a number of Awards to be made.



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"The Award Scheme is a unique opportunity to commit yourself to a real challenge that will make a difference. It is likely that you will remember this for all your life as something special to have been involved in. Don't miss having a go!"

Mrs Cooper, Head

HOW YOU GET AN AWARD : 3 STAGES

STAGE 1 : THINKING & PLANNING

- First of all you need to think about what you would like to do – there are some examples of previous award winners later in this booklet but the most important thing is to think of something you (or a group of you) want to do personally.
- Your project needs to be one that will challenge you to make a real effort, either physically or in terms of your personal development. You will need to be committed! It needs to be something that is worthwhile for you personally (and maybe others too).
- It is likely to be something that you will remember for the rest of your life as something special to have been involved in.
- You will need to plan where and when you hope to carry out the activity and make detailed notes of how much it will cost.
- You should discuss your scheme with your Tutor and/or your House Leader, as well as your parent(s)/carer(s).
- You can involve an adult, where it is appropriate to do so – and definitely where this is needed for safety reasons.

STAGE 2 : COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

- **Write a letter to the Trust, explaining your proposal in detail.** Make sure you include information such as:
 - what you hope to do
 - why you want to do it
 - what you think you will gain from it
 - where/when you will carry it out
 - who will accompany you (if appropriate)
 - a detailed plan of how much it will cost
 - how you will make the arrangements
 - whether there are any health and safety issues
 - any travel arrangements
- **You then need to complete the attached application form as well.** It is also available on the Learning Gateway and the school blog. When it is fully completed you should return it, along with your letter, to Miss Taylor (the Head's secretary) by **Friday 11 March**.
- **You must also attach back up material giving more information about your plans**, in whatever format you choose – leaflets, downloads, budget plans, route plans, information about who will help you, etc – things that show you have thought carefully about your project and have taken it seriously

To summarise, you need to submit:

1. A letter to the Trust
2. Your completed application form
3. Back up material giving further information about your plans

STAGE 3 : YOUR INTERVIEW

- The Head and the House Leaders will draw up a shortlist of projects to put forward to the Selection Committee of the Trust.
- If you have been successful in being considered for an Award, you will be invited to attend the Selection Committee Meeting which will be held in the Coubertin Lecture Theatre on **Friday 18 March at 19.00 hours**. (Mrs Cooper will send a letter home to your parent(s)/carer(s) about this.)
- You will need to explain your project to the Committee and answer their questions. This will enable them to decide whether or not to make you an Award. Don't worry; you'll be given plenty of advice beforehand about your interview! You should not prepare a PowerPoint presentation for this – just be prepared to talk - and maybe refer to some information you bring with you.
- If you haven't been successful, don't give up! Have a word with your House Leader to find out why you didn't make it this time, and have another go the next time around.

IF YOU GET AN AWARD, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Having already planned your project, you will need to carry it through. If you need any advice beforehand, you can speak with the Head or your House Leader.
- Don't forget to take photographs of the event, as you will find these very useful for later in the year – see below!

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU HAVE TO DO?

- Yes! In the Autumn Term you and your parent(s)/carer(s) will be invited to the Presentation Evening & Reception, when each successful applicant will be asked to give a short presentation to show how their activity went. In recent years many students have chosen to give a PowerPoint or video presentations or to demonstrate some of the skills or activities involved. Again, don't worry about this, you will be given plenty of help beforehand, to make sure you are ready to do this well.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

...well over 1000 students have benefited from their Awards over the years?

SOME EXAMPLES OF PREVIOUS SUCCESSFUL SCHEMES

1989 - John Sinar & Mark Cank

A parachute jump at Halfpenny Green

1990 - Aaron Banks

Swimming with dolphins off the coast of Northumberland

1990 - Ben Prior, David Benson & John Philips

Cycling, bird watching and fundraising trip to the Isle of Man

1990 - Jenny Kemp

To make a patchwork quilt and then raffle it to raise funds for the Born Free Foundation

1996 - Clare Davies

A rally navigation course at a rally school

1996 - Sian Lax

A tour of Germany and the Czech Republic with the Shropshire Youth Orchestra

1998 - Andrew McPherson

A weekend kayak coaching course at Machynlleth to achieve Coaching qualifications

1998 – Steve Illidge

Visit museums and places of interest in London with a disabled friend

2000 - Martin & Kris Instone

Cricket coaching course and follow up coaching with WBS students

2003 - Katherine Bragg

To participate in "BREAKFREE IN 2003" – a race around Europe with Girl Guiding Shropshire

2003 – Joanna Foxall

To make banners representing each tutor group name and to be displayed in school

2008 – Mollie Muscutt

To help towards completion of Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award by assisting with the finance of her expedition

2010 – Sam Lamplugh, Josh Slater and Sam Wood

To direct and star in an independent theatre production

2010 – Hannah Vicente

To produce 4 paintings for our new school, representing the 4 houses

2010 – Rebecca Lefroy

To participate in a 3-day pre-degree medical course at Nottingham University

2010 – Oliver Austin, James Good, Simon Bellows & Claire Crossley

To represent Shropshire at the 2011 World Scout Jamboree in Sweden

"J L Edwards Awards Scheme is a great thing to get involved with. I took a disabled friend to London and he was able to do something that he'd never done before. We still talk about it now, and it was over 10 years ago!" [Steve Illidge – Award Winner 1998]