

Character, Leadership & Global Citizenship



**DEVELOPING CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP AND GLOBAL AWARENESS
THROUGH EXTRAORDINARY REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE**

**FORMER ROYAL MARINES COMMANDO
EXPLORER | EXPEDITION LEADER | INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER**

PREMIUM ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCES FOR INDEPENDENT & PREP SCHOOLS

Beyond Adventure

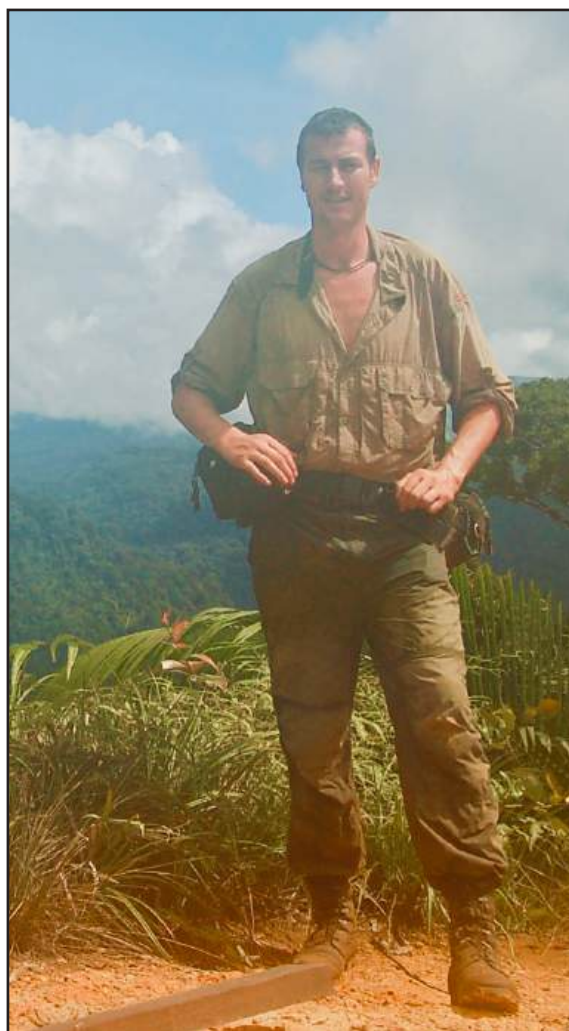
What can young people learn about character, leadership and global citizenship through extraordinary real-world experience?

Through expeditions, conservation projects and life alongside indigenous communities, John Sullivan helps pupils develop the resilience, confidence, curiosity and leadership qualities needed to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world.

Drawing upon more than twenty years of expedition experience, John takes pupils on remarkable journeys across the globe, sharing authentic experiences that inspire personal growth and broaden perspectives.

From Buckingham Palace to remote rainforest communities, John shares experiences that demonstrate how leadership, resilience and global awareness are developed through real-world challenge.

Combining captivating storytelling, stunning expedition photography, authentic artefacts and real-world lessons, this is a truly memorable enrichment experience that remains with pupils long after the event has ended.



“John’s session was a great success, and the students thoroughly enjoyed his presentation.”

**- Miss Kate Tipton,
Vice Principal (Pastoral), Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College**

Meet John Sullivan

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John Sullivan is a former Royal Marines Commando, explorer, expedition leader and survival specialist.

After earning his Green Beret and serving for nine years in the Royal Marines, John pursued a life of exploration, travelling extensively through some of the world's most remote and fascinating environments.

Selected Highlights

- Former Royal Marines Commando
Explorer and Expedition Leader with over 20 years of international expedition experience
Worked alongside indigenous communities in Borneo and Papua New Guinea
- Supported productions for BBC and National Geographic
- Delivered presentations at Buckingham Palace and St James's Palace for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Led international conservation and youth development expeditions



“As a quiet and unconfident teenager, John never imagined he would one day stand at Buckingham Palace, lead expeditions across the world or work alongside indigenous communities in some of the planet’s most remote environments.”

Real Expeditions. Real Lessons.



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Every story shared is built upon genuine first-hand experience.

From Royal Marines training and expedition leadership to remote rainforest communities, indigenous cultures and international conservation projects, John's experiences become powerful lessons in character, leadership and personal growth.

Through extraordinary real-world adventures, pupils discover the qualities that help people thrive both inside and beyond the classroom.

CHARACTER

Developing resilience, integrity and perseverance through challenge and experience.

LEADERSHIP

Learning to lead through service, responsibility and positive example.

SERVICE

Understanding that meaningful leadership is rooted in contribution and supporting others.

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Developing cultural awareness, empathy and an appreciation of our interconnected world.

CONFIDENCE

Building self-belief by embracing challenge, uncertainty and new opportunities

CURIOSITY

Encouraging a lifelong desire to learn, explore and engage with new perspectives.

THE EDUCATIONAL IMPACT

Pupils leave with a greater understanding that confidence can be developed, leadership can be learned and meaningful growth often begins beyond their comfort zone.

They discover that resilience is not something people are born with, but something built through experience, challenge and a willingness to embrace new opportunities.

**"Great achievements begin with curiosity.
Leadership begins with responsibility.
Confidence grows through challenge."**

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Character Education

Authentic stories that demonstrate perseverance, responsibility, courage and integrity in action.

Leadership Development

Lessons drawn from Royal Marines training and international expedition leadership.

Global Awareness

Unique insights into indigenous cultures, conservation projects and life beyond the classroom.

Resilience & Adaptability

Practical examples of overcoming adversity and developing confidence through challenge.

Authentic Experiences

Real-world adventures that provide credibility, perspective and genuine inspiration.

Memorable Engagement

Interactive presentations featuring expedition equipment, cultural artefacts and immersive storytelling.



Bringing the World Beyond the Classroom

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Independent schools are committed to developing well-rounded, capable and confident young people.

John's presentations support this mission by exposing pupils to extraordinary environments, fascinating cultures and powerful life lessons that encourage them to think beyond their immediate world.

Using authentic expedition photography, cultural artefacts and genuine expedition equipment, pupils experience an immersive learning journey that is both educational and inspiring.

John's presentations complement character education programmes, leadership pathways, enrichment curricula and personal development initiatives across both prep and senior schools.

The result is an enrichment experience that encourages curiosity, confidence, leadership and personal growth.

Learning Outcomes

Pupils leave with greater:

- Confidence
- Leadership awareness
- Cultural understanding
- Resilience
- Curiosity
- Global perspective

Key Themes

- Character & Resilience
- Leadership
- Global Citizenship
- Cultural Awareness
- Environmental Responsibility
- Confidence & Personal Growth
- Curiosity & Lifelong Learning



"The world belongs to those willing to explore it."

Flexible Booking Options

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Inspirational Presentation

An engaging and thought-provoking assembly, enrichment talk, speech day presentation or keynote address.

Ideal for:

- Whole-School Assemblies
- Speech Days
- Prize Giving Ceremonies
- Enrichment Programmes
- Character Education Initiatives

Presentation & Leadership Workshop

Combining inspiration with practical teamwork, leadership and problem-solving challenges designed to encourage participation and personal growth.

Expedition Leadership Experience

A full-day immersive programme combining leadership, teamwork, communication and expedition-inspired challenges.

All programmes can be tailored to suit the age, objectives and ethos of your school.



Testimonials

What Schools Say

“John’s inspiring presentation encouraged students to pursue their passions with self-belief, perseverance and a willingness to embrace challenge. A powerful message that resonated strongly with our IB students.”

Simon Brooks

Deputy Head International School of The Hague

“The perfect balance of inspiration, humour and motivation. One of the best speakers we have hosted in many years.” John captivated an audience of over 300 guests, and many parents and staff told me he was the best speaker we have had in many years.”

Caroline Bradshaw

Assistant Headteacher, Gartree High School

“John delivered an engaging and inspiring presentation that captivated both students and parents. His professionalism and willingness to speak with families afterwards helped make the evening a truly memorable occasion.”

Paul Winter

Assistant Headteacher, St Paul’s Catholic School



“The feedback from our students was overwhelmingly positive. John’s presentation was engaging, inspiring and highly memorable”

- Deborah Curtis

Assistant Head of Sixth Form

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The purpose of this experience is not simply to tell remarkable stories.

It is to help young people develop the character, confidence, leadership and global awareness that will serve them throughout their lives.

Through authentic experiences from some of the world's most remote environments, pupils discover that resilience can be learned, leadership can be developed and extraordinary opportunities often begin by stepping beyond their comfort zone.

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Confidence grows through challenge.



Helping young people develop confidence, resilience, leadership and a broader understanding of the world around them.

Contact

Book John Sullivan

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A Premium Enrichment Experience for Independent & Prep Schools.

Through extraordinary real-world experiences, pupils gain valuable insights into leadership, resilience, global citizenship and personal development.

Drawing upon a lifetime of exploration, expedition leadership and service, John inspires young people to broaden their horizons, embrace challenge and develop the confidence to pursue ambitious goals.

Whether speaking to a whole school audience, delivering a leadership event or supporting enrichment programmes, John's presentations leave a lasting impact on pupils, staff and parents alike.

Available For:

- Independent Prep Schools
- Independent Junior Schools
- Senior Independent Schools
- International Schools
- Whole School Assemblies
- Speech Days & Prize Giving Ceremonies
- Leadership Conferences
- Sixth Form Events
- Character Education Programmes
- Enrichment & Personal Development Days

Enquire Today

To discuss your school's requirements or arrange a presentation, workshop or leadership event:

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United Kingdom and internationally



Helping young people develop the confidence, character and leadership to thrive in a changing world.