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Kat has a great love of the outdoors which she shares with her students through supporting DofE and expeditions. In her spare time she will find any excuse to go out walking and explore the countryside. Her school has been running expeditions with Outlook for almost 8 years and she has recently taken over as Head Link Teacher!

What led you to Outlook?

I was lucky enough to take over leading expeditions in the school when a colleague of mine retired. We have had great experience with Outlook in previous years and we will continue to work with the company for many years to come!

How long have you worked with Outlook?

My school has been with Outlook for a number of years and we have taken students to Ethiopia, Nepal and Borneo. We run expeditions every two years and are currently planning our next expedition to Peru and Bolivia in 2017. We have been working alongside Outlook for almost 8 years now.

Why do you enjoy working with us?

The team at Outlook are so friendly and supportive. From the early stages of students signing up to finally departing to go on expedition, the Outlook team are there every step of the way. The communication between myself and the Outlook team is fantastic. Even when we were out on expedition in Borneo (2015) we were able to stay in contact with the Outlook which was very reassuring.

What are your top three Outlook Expedition experiences?

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1. Working hard to make a real and immediate difference to local communities in country.
2. Watching young people grow in confidence and become responsible young adults.
3. Each expedition group becoming a unique family by sharing memorable experiences that will last a lifetime.

What benefits of expeditions have you seen first-hand?

Each young person who comes on expedition is facing their own challenges. Watching these young people overcome their fear and experience situations that are outside their comfort zones is so rewarding. It is hard to believe someone can change in such a short space of time but every young person who has been on an Outlook expedition has learnt something new about themselves.

Sum up what expeditions are about in three words?

Memorable, Challenging, Rewarding.

Where can't you wait to go next?

My next expedition is in 2017 to Peru and Bolivia, I am really excited to see Machu Picchu and experience walking along the Inca trails. My dream expedition would be to experience walking in the Himalayas and experience getting to Everest Base Camp.