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Chipping Sodbury School

Newsletter



Ten Tors 2016 – The Final Report

35 Mile Team (Year 10) - Harry Braithwaite, Rob Bennett, Emma Doody, Lewis Roberts, Arno Turner, and Ashley Whitlock

The above students took part in the annual Ten Tors expedition on Dartmoor on the weekend of 7th and 8th May. The team had two days to cover 35 miles, visit ten 'tors' (and several safety control points) being completely self-sufficient, carrying all that they needed with them.

We arrived at Okehampton Camp Friday afternoon; the team watched the safety briefing and passed successfully through scrutineering where all their equipment is checked. The remaining time at the camp on Friday was spent planning the route that they would take over the weekend and cooking their evening meal.

We were woken at 5am on Saturday morning by a resounding version of Chariots of Fire over the loudspeakers dotted around the camp. The team grabbed some breakfast and readied their rucksacks to make their way to the start. At 7am 400 teams consisting of 2400 young people started the expedition from Okehampton Camp and soon disappeared across the moor.

The weather was sunny and breezy and the team walked well to make it to their sixth tor where they camped overnight. Unfortunately one team member was injured and was brought back to campsite on Saturday evening.



Two days later: Nearing the finish line and proudly showing off their medals



The team at base camp early on Saturday morning

There was initially some low level cloud on Sunday morning, but this soon burnt off and the weather was again sunny and breezy. The team made steady progress and back at Okehampton Camp we were able to watch them progress through their tenth tor via a map showing the position of their tracker. They made it back to camp at 16:30 to a fabulous welcome.

All the students are to be congratulated on the effort and hard work that they showed during the event. It is an enormous achievement to finish the Ten Tors event and they will look back on it with great pride (once all the aches and pains have disappeared!). Other students who were involved during the training period were Ellis O'Brien, Shannon Stewart and Matthew Hellen. Thanks are also due to the following members of the support team for supporting the teams on Dartmoor during the event and throughout their training: Mr Keepax, Miss Taylor, Rob, Mr Bevan, Mr Khera, Rich and Miss Sparrow. The base camp tent that Chipping Sodbury Rotary club donated to us was also appreciated again as it held up against the windy conditions at the camp. Looking forward to next year already.

Ms Lisa Jarvis, Ten Tors Team Manager, Chipping Sodbury School

Forthcoming Dates

May

16th GCSE Exams start
26th Y10 MFL Controlled Speaking Assessments
27th End of Term 5
30th—3rd June Whitsun Week

June

6th June Start of Term 6
6th—24th Y5 Tours
8th International Day
11th—19th Chipping Sodbury Festival
15th South Glos Athletics Championships
17th INSET DAY
17th Sixth Form Gala Dinner
21st Y12 Induction Day
22nd Sports Personality Eve
23rd—24th Y6 Induction Days
28th Y11 Final Assembly
30th Y10 Trip to Science Museum
30th Y11 Prom
30th—8th Ardeche Trip

July

4th—6th Y7 Barton Hall Camp
11th—15th Y10 WEX Week
22nd End of Term 6

35 Mile Route P

Sat 7 May 2016

Tor	Time
Start	0700
Okement Hill	0814
Great Kneeset (via)	0913
Chat Tor	1037
Nodden Gate	1145
Standon Farm	1410
White Barrow (via)	1551
Holming Beam	1741
Higher White Tor	1944

Sun 8 May 2016

Postbridge	0739
Water Hill (via)	0930
Kes Tor	1141
Watern Tor	1337
Dinger Tor	1530
Finish	1630

Innovation Award Winners

Between January and April, six Year 8 girls (Charlotte Mitchell, Ellie Gendall, Chloe Tomkins, Mischa Marrret, Ella Slinn and Alisha Stokes) joined a 12 week Industrial Cadets programme, linked with Airbus at Filton. Industrial Cadets works with UK engineering companies to create talent in a future skilled workforce, whilst helping young girls to develop the skills they need to enter industry with confidence. We were set a task to design an eco friendly building which can be linked to the school. We had 12 weeks of designing, building a model, writing a report and creating a presentation board. Two mentors from Airbus, Adrian Mitchell and Andrew Dibble, visited every Tuesday after school to guide us in the right direction and with some help from Miss McMorrow and the TDI technicians.

On completion of our project we attended a celebration event at Airbus with 12 other schools to present our work, in front of four judges. There were four awards: Most Innovation, Students' Voice, Best Team Work and Overall Presentation. We put in a lot of effort and hard work for the past 12 weeks, and were thrilled to be awarded the trophy for Most Innovation. An excellent result.

Charlotte Mitchell



Y7 Bristol and South Glos Cup Final

The Year 7 boys' football team made it into the Bristol and South Gloucestershire County final after beating a whole host of schools en-route to the final. A team of talented individuals captained by Harvey Greenslade has played some exciting football in the group stages and scored bagfuls of goals. Over 35 Bristol and South Glos schools started the competition back in January leading to the final at Fry's sporting facility where we played The Castle School. The 13 boy squad (missing three players due to broken bones) went through their warm up and skill drills with the two sixth form students (Jack Hawkins and Tom Melling) who have been helping coach and manage the team this season. CSS started the game well and had most of the ball, looking to probe and push into their final third. We dominated possession and were very competitive in both aerial and ground challenges and within eight minutes we were awarded a penalty. Guy McEwen stepped up and calmly gave us the lead. The game advanced and a pattern settled down, attack versus defence, until a long ball from a free kick separated their back three and Harvey Greenslade put us 2-0 up. Joe Stott made a wonder save to tip the ball over the bar in what was their only real shot in anger. A clear team talk at half time focused on two key areas to sharpen up on and we went about our business taking the game to Castle again in the second half. Pressure built on their goalkeeper until Jamal Bwanamkuu turned in the box and struck for a 3-0 lead. Subs were made and the boys played their part until Jamel, through on goal again, blasted the ball past the keeper into the roof of the net.

Overall a classy performance by the whole team and a well-deserved win to become champions of Bristol and South Gloucestershire. Well done boys.

Mighty Fine Linguist Award – April 2016

This award recognises students who have shown outstanding effort and/or achievement in language learning. The following winners in each year group were selected as students who have shown particular achievement this month:

- Year 7 – Joshua Heal
- Year 8 – Harry Bond
- Year 9 – Josh Lillywhite
- Year 10 – Nikki Kent
- Year 11 – Evie Watkins



Well done to these students and to all the others who were nominated. Keep up the good work!
Ms D Bryan