



BUDMOUTH COMBINED CADET FORCE

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Ten Tors Challenge 2022

Dear Parent /Carer

The Ten Tors Challenge event is organised by the Army, based at Okehampton Camp on Dartmoor. Teams of six students will start at 7am on Saturday 7th May 2022, carrying all the equipment and food they need to be self-sufficient for the duration of the two day and one-night event. Distance covered is based on age and Budmouth Combined Cadet Force (CCF) has been allocated two x 35 mile, two x 45 mile and one x 55 mile teams for the 2022 event. Teams have until 5pm on Sunday 8th May 2022 to complete the route, allocated by the Army, by checking into manned security checkpoints and check points at the Tors on their given route cards.

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in participating in the training programme for this event. If they complete the programme to a satisfactory standard and are selected by the Training Staff, they will be invited to join one of the final Ten Tors Challenge Teams.

Our teams are trained under the auspices of the Budmouth CCF Contingent and all staff involved have the necessary qualifications and experience of hiking on Dartmoor. We are happy to accept non-CCF cadets in the early stages of training but all students who gain a place to go to Dartmoor; in order to complete the advance training programme **must** be registered as a cadet. This is so they are covered by CCF insurance and have access to Army resources. Whilst we would hope that non-cadets might be tempted to participate in other CCF activities, there will be no pressure for them to do so or wear CCF uniform or attend parade nights.

We will be completing six training events. The first two are local day walks, followed by the remaining training on Dartmoor. It is at this point that non-cadets will need to be registered before participating in the three Dartmoor weekends. The first weekend on Dartmoor will allow the cadets to gain their Bronze National Navigation Award, followed by two long weekends on Dartmoor, practicing navigation, endurance and team building. The final weekend is an endurance walk from Swanage to Weymouth before the challenge in May 2022. Included in this letter is the training programme dates. Our classroom training will be held on Wednesday's after school in F02 from 3.00pm to 3.50pm, this will not be every week but when needed to complete planning for the weekend training events. As this is not a risk free activity, we have a duty of care to ensure **all** cadets receive mandatory training to successfully complete this event. It is **mandatory** that they attend all training sessions and all six walks. If your son/daughter misses any of these sessions then it will put their place in the final team in jeopardy. Please check your diaries to avoid disappointments.

The safety of our students is of course paramount and strict event and Army regulations are laid down regarding the training of teams and the equipment they need to be carrying and using. Therefore there will likely need to be some financial commitment to purchasing kit. Attached is a required kit list. We suggest that you do not purchase any expensive equipment at this early stage. A good waterproof jacket and properly fitted and 'broken in' walking boots are the essentials for now. If there are items of kit that you do wish to purchase then we recommend Great Western Camping in Dorchester and Cotswold Outdoor store. Both have agreed to provide discount for students who are participating in Ten Tors.

Our first two training events in the training programme table are local expeditions. These are designed so we can gauge an initial idea of the numbers of interested students and also an understanding of the student's abilities and skills. It will also enable the students to judge whether this challenging test of their determination, self-reliance and teamwork is for them. We are asking for £35 to cover the cost of these walks and to keep costs down we are asking parents to arrange transportation of students to the starting location for the Golden Cap walk, if groups can be arranged then this is good team planning as well. If your son/daughter receives a lift with another parent, you need to be satisfied that they have the necessary insurance cover for transporting a child to/from a Budmouth CCF trip. If transportation is a problem then please let me know.





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Ten Tors 2022 - Training Programme

Serial	Date	Event
1	Thurs 11 th Nov	Cadet briefing during CCF Parade - What is Ten Tors?
2	Wed 1 st Dec 2021	Student Meeting in FO2 at Break time, 10.50am. Discuss plan for Walk 1.
3	Sun 5 th Dec 2021	Walk 1 - Golden Cap. 0845am. Meet at West Bay, Bridport. Finish at 3pm at West Bay. Parents to drop off/pick up.
4	Wed 5 th Jan 2022	3.00pm - 3.50pm. Training Session starts. (Some Wednesday's during term time)
5	Sat 15 th Jan 2022	Walk 2 - South Dorset Walk. Meet at Budmouth at 9am. Transported to start then walking in supervised groups follow planned route, collected at finish, taken back to Budmouth. Parents to collect when back at Budmouth.
6	Wed 19 th Jan 2022	Selection of those who have reached the standard to go to Dartmoor. Meeting in FO2 at Break time. All must be registered as cadets!
7	Sat 22 nd Jan 2022	First Aid Training Day - Emergency First Aid 9am to 4pm - Main Budmouth Hall
8	Fri 28 th to Sun 30 th Jan 2022	Walk 3 - Dartmoor. Navigation qualification (Bronze NNAS). Details to follow.
9	Fri 11 th to Sun 13 th Feb 2022	Walk 4 - Dartmoor. Navigation, endurance & team building. Details to follow.
10	Fri 18 th to Sun 20 th March 2022	Walk 5 - Dartmoor. Remote supervision. Details to follow.
11	Wed 30 th March 2022	Selection for final teams. Meeting in FO2 at Lunchtime.
12	Sat 30 th April to Sun 1 st May 2022	Walk 6 - Swanage to Weymouth. Endurance training. Details to follow.
13	Fri 6 th to Sun 8 th May 2022	Ten Tors Challenge. Parents welcome to Okehampton on the Sunday. Details to follow.

Cadets and students have had a briefing this week to provide information on what Ten Tors is and what the training will involve. This is mainly focused at Year 9 students and any other students that have not previously been involved with Ten Tors. The next student meeting will be on Wednesday 1st December, to clarify arrangements for walk 1, the Golden Cap walk.

For your information we estimate the cost of the remaining weekend training expeditions and the event are likely to be around between £20 to £40 each, so we would expect the overall cost to take part in Ten Tors to be no more than £185.

We are unable to take any student on a walk/expedition unless we have a completed Medical and consent form, which is on the Budmouth Website - Parents Information - Forms - Ten Tors Consent Form. If you are willing for your son/daughter to take part in the training programme then please complete the form. Payment of £35 using the Pay360 Website needs to be made by Wednesday 1st Dec

Yours sincerely

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