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Ten Tors Challenge 2027

Dear Parent/Carer

The Ten Tors Challenge event is organised by the Army, based at Okehampton Camp on Dartmoor. Teams of six students carry all the equipment and food they need to be self-sufficient for the duration of the two day and one-night event. The distance covered is based on age and Budmouth CCF has been allocated two x 35 mile and one x 45 mile teams for the 2027 event. Students must be members of CCF in order to participate. Students in Year 9 & 10 are eligible for the 35 mile route. Students in Year 10 who have completed the 35 mile route are eligible for the 45 mile route. Students in Year 12 are eligible for the 45 mile route. Due to the timing of the event (in the middle of external exams), students in Year 11 and 13 are not permitted to participate.

If participants complete the training programme to the required standard, and are selected by the Training Staff, they will be invited to join one of the final Ten Tors Challenge Teams. Selection criteria include participation and engagement in Ten Tors training, CCF and school.

Our teams are trained under the auspices of the Budmouth CCF Contingent and all staff involved have the necessary first aid and walking qualifications and experience leading groups in Dorset and on Dartmoor. Any student wishing to participate in Ten Tors should be a member of Budmouth CCF.

We will be completing six training events. The first two are local day walks, followed by training on Dartmoor. The training will include walking, training and camping overnight at Okehampton Camp or on Dartmoor. The first two walks on Dartmoor will allow the cadets to develop their navigational, teamwork and campcraft skills. This will be followed by two long weekends on Dartmoor, practising navigation, hill walking, physical endurance and team building. Included in this letter are the training programme dates.
As well as weekend training, there will be after school sessions. This will be held on Wednesdays after school in room B08 from 3.10pm to 4pm. 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 child misses any of these sessions then it could impact their selection for the team. All training will be updated on the Google Classroom.

The safety of our students is paramount. Strict event and Army regulations are laid down regarding the training of teams and the equipment they need to be carrying and using. Cadets can wear their issued uniform for the first two walks. Thereafter we can help with a loan kit for the remaining walks. Some participants prefer to buy their own walking kit. Attached, for your information, is a required kit list. We suggest that you do not purchase any expensive equipment at this early stage. If there are items of kit that you do wish to purchase then we recommend Great Western Camping in Dorchester. For the first two training walks, CCF boots will be acceptable. Waterproof jackets and trousers can be borrowed from CCF.

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Our first two training events in the training programme are local expeditions. These are designed to enable students to make an informed decision about whether this challenging test of their determination, self-reliance and teamwork is for them. It is also to inform us of the needs for training of the students and develop an understanding of the students' abilities and skills.

Ten Tors 2027 - Training Programme

Serial	Date	Event
1	Monday 7th December	Meeting B06 after school
2	Friday 11th December	Ten Tors Training 1 – Local
3	Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd January 2026	Ten Tors Training 2 – No camping; Friday – Budmouth based training; Saturday - Local walk
4	Friday 5th February to Saturday 6th February	Ten Tors Training 3 – Dartmoor – Okehampton Camp
5	Friday 5th to Saturday 6th March	Ten Tors Training 4 – Dartmoor – North Moor
6	Friday 19th to Sunday 21st March	Ten Tors Training 5 – Dartmoor
7	Friday 16th to Sunday 18th April	Ten Tors Training 6 – Dartmoor
8	Friday 7th to Sunday 9th May	Ten Tors Event Weekend – Okehampton Dartmoor

Students have a presentation to watch on CCF Google Classroom to provide information on what Ten Tors is and what the training will involve. The next student meeting will be on Monday 7th December, to clarify arrangements for the first training walk.

There will be a charge for participation in Ten Tors of £50, *this charge is not payable for the first two walks*. This will be due in January, prior to participating in the first walk on Dartmoor. There will be support for PP students.

If your child would be keen to participate in this fantastic opportunity, please complete the Parental Consent Form.

Yours sincerely

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Ten Tors Kit List

The kit list provided by the Army is the basis of kit requirements for the Ten Tors Event. We can lend out many of the items.

Personal Kit – Carried by every person, all the time
Rucksack – With adjustable back and fitted to your size – between 60 and 70 Lt, From experience, rucksacks from Mountain Warehouse and Trespass, do not cope with the usage of Ten Tor, please do not buy one. You can sign a rucksack out from the CCF stores. **Dry bags are a good investment; although expensive they are worth it: We can supply thick plastic bags which are just as good.**
Walking kit – One set you wear and another complete set sealed into a waterproof bag **1 – Base wicking layer –** Thermal top or running top, long sleeved, **NOT** a cotton T-shirt, Budmouth school PE t-shirt; CCF Army or Navy t-shirt. **2 – Mid layer –** Long sleeve shirt, synthetic sweatshirt or micro fleece. Army or Navy issued fleece **3 – Outer layer insulation –** Normal thickness fleece or soft shell jacket **4 – Trousers** – Long. Not jogging trousers– Can be leggings. Not thin gym style, should be more substantial. **5 – Walking socks** – Not football socks, may wear two pairs, best to get proper walking socks **6 – Walking boots** – Vibram type sole with ankle support, good condition, leather or fabric (if Gore-Tex lined) Can use CCF boots for first two walks.
Waterproofs / Poor weather gear **Jacket** with attached hood, robust and capable of keeping the wearer dry for long periods of time and in very wet conditions i.e. on Dartmoor = Can use CCF issued **Over trousers** – need to have zips on legs so can be put on with boots still on. Can use CCF issued **Gaiters –** Must have as part of your kit, protects feet from getting too wet and reduces risk of getting ticks. Can be borrowed from CCF **Gloves** / **mittens** – Ideally 2 pairs and waterproof, not fingerless **Hat x 2** – Warm hat with ear covering for poor weather and sun hat with wide all round brim for hot weather (not a baseball style cap)
Sleeping kit - Can be borrowed from school **Sleeping mat –** Roll mat or Thermarest style mat, must be full length and stored in waterproof bag/ thick bin bag **Sleeping bag –** Three seasons, comfort rated down to -2ºc, maybe have separate silk liner to make temperature requirements, and must have baffled stuffing so spread around equally. Stored in waterproof bag/thick bin bag NO BIVVY BAGS REQUIRED – You will have tents.
Rations, water and personal hygiene **Individual food –** Ration Packs will be issued. This will contain sufficient food for 24 hours. Students should supplement this with feel good snacks, such as sweets, flapjacks, cereal bars.. **Water –** 2 litres can be 2 x 1 litre hard bottles or platypus/camelbak 1 litre hard bottle. NO plastic mineral water bottles as they are too easily broken. Can be borrowed **Mug/Thermacup – Can be borrowed** **Spork – to eat ration pack meals** **Personal Toiletries** – Toothbrush and toothpaste (could share 1 tube per team), wet wipes, deodorant.
Personal Survival Kit **Map –** Ten Tors 1:25,000 laminated map 3 per team **– PROVIDED BY CCF** **Compass –** Silva Expedition 4 x 6 per team member – **PROVIDED BY CCF** **Watch –** One Per team. **Whistle** – One per team member attached to outside of rucksack **PROVIDED BY CCF (know the distress signal)** **Survival bag** – One per team member – **PROVIDED BY CCF** **Personal First Aid Kit –** to include any personal medication, antiseptic hand wash, blister kit (compeed style) insect repellent, sun cream, pain relief tablets, sudocrem or other 'anti chafing' cream (all to be travel size style) **LED Head torch** – One per team member and spare batteries - can be borrowed **Notebook & Pencil** – one per team member, to make notes in an emergency
Team Equipment – Each team must carry between them: If any drop-outs then team kit must be handed over to the remaining team members
Tent – 3 person tent, **Provided by CCF**
Cooking equipment – Stoves plus gas canisters – **Provided by CCF**
Toilet Trowel – 1 per team , **Provided by CCF**

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First Aid kits – 2 per team, team must know what's in it and how to use it – **Provided by CCF**.
High Viz Jackets – 2 per team to be worn by front and back person in team - **Provided by CCF**
Mobile Phone – we will provide each team with one. NO electronic navigation aids to be used in training or on the event
Emergency Tracker devices – Two per team, to be placed in top of Rucksack, **Provided by CCF** - Army to provide tracker for the event