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Ten Tors 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

All students in Years 9 and 10 will have an assembly or information before half-term regarding Ten Tors. However, I would like to present the following information to you in advance of the assembly as I am aware that a number of students are eagerly awaiting information on the Ten Tors 2025 programme.

Information

Ten Tors is a Youth Development event organised by the British Army that aims to encourage young people from the South West to:

- Take part in a planned challenge within the Dartmoor National Park.
- Enhance their self-confidence and aspirations through the development of leadership, problem solving, team work and hillwalking/camping skills in a wild country context.

The Ten Tors Challenge is a two-day expedition for teams of up to 6 young people aged between 14 and 19. Each team must visit 10 specified checkpoints requiring a walk of 35, 45 or 55 miles over the rugged terrain of Dartmoor. A team must be self-sufficient; camp on the moor overnight and complete the distance between Saturday 10th May 0700 and Sunday 11th May 1700 hrs. Many young people remember the event with pride for the remainder of their lives, and for some it may even be a life-changing experience.

Tiverton High School has a long record of successful participation in this event. This is the result of a structured and progressive training programme requiring commitment, responsibility and teamwork. During the training students will be closely supervised by groups of qualified staff and experienced volunteers. A list of training dates is attached to help you with your forward planning.

Team Selection

Team places for the Ten Tors Challenge 2025 are limited and not all the students who participate in the training will be selected for a team. We have two 35-mile teams this year. Teams will be selected by choosing the students we believe will complete the challenge as a team. This will depend on a wide range of factors including:

- Commitment, responsibility, team work, willingness to learn, and resilience
- Attendance at training sessions, meetings and walks
- Performance and attitude during training

Team selection will take place in two stages. Stage one will take place in February where a reduced number of students will be invited to continue with the training and form the basis of squads. Stage two will be final team selection plus any reserves and will take place in April.

Ten Tors training is an extra-curricular activity and therefore incurs costs to cover instruction, transport, equipment and in some instances accommodation and food. We have minimised cost to participants as much as possible, however should you have concerns about being able to afford the cost of any training walks please contact me.

Approximate Costs: (may be subject to small adjustments)

- Each day walk will be Local £5 or Dartmoor £20
- The 2-night residential weekend at the DTC will be £100
- Dartmoor camping weekends will be £40
- The school will cover the event entry fee.

Due to the nature of the activities, it is important that all participants are well equipped with appropriate clothing during training walks/camps on Dartmoor and for the event. The school appreciates that it can be difficult for parents at this stage regarding buying equipment. You want your child properly equipped but you do not want to be spending money on equipment until you are confident your child is going to continue with the training. We have a limited range of outdoor equipment including waterproofs, boots, rucksacks etc... at school which will be available for students to use where required to keep costs down or to try before deciding if this is an activity you would like to invest in your own equipment for.

What to do if your child is interested

Years 9-10 will receive a general introduction before half-term, and if they are interested, they/you will need to register their interest (without committing to anything at this point) with either Mr. Brown or to Miss Clarke in the Admin Office. You will then receive a letter inviting them to the first training walk and any associated costs/forms to be paid for/completed. You can then decide if you would like to attend that activity.

Prior to the first Dartmoor walk on the 7th December, we would ask that you attend a parent/carer information meeting.

Should you have any questions please either email gbrown@tiverton.devon.sch.uk or phone the school and leave a message with Reception.

Attached to this letter is a list of all the training dates (provisional) to help you with your forward planning.

Graham Brown.
Ten Tors manager
Tiverton High School



Ten Tors Training Dates 2024 - 2025

Expedition Training	After School	Some Wednesdays Nov – May. (Latest finish 4.00)
Local Walk	Trail Walking	Sat 16th Nov 2024
Local/Dartmoor Day - TBC	Trail/Hill Walking	Sat 7th Dec 2024
Local/Dartmoor Day - TBC	Trail/Hill Walking	Sat 25th Jan 2025
Dartmoor Training Centre	Residential	Fri 7th – Sun 9th Feb 2025
Dartmoor Camp	Expedition	Fri after school 28th Feb – Sat 1st March 2025
Local/Dartmoor Day - TBC	Trail/Hill Walking	Sat 15th March 2025
Dartmoor Camp	Expedition	Sat 5th – 6th April 2025 First weekend of Easter
Dartmoor Camp	Expedition	Sat 26th – Sun 27th April 2025
Ten Tors	Event	Fri 9th to Sun 11th May 2025

Dates and locations are subject to change. All activities are weather dependent.