

9 October 2026

Dear families,

Re: Introduction to Ten Tors

Thank you for your interest in Ten Tors; I am writing today with some helpful introductory information about the challenge.

I am holding a compulsory information evening for families of any students wishing to take part in the 2027 Ten Tors Challenge in a Tiverton High School team. The evening is on Thursday 22nd October at 5.00pm in the school hall.

The first training walk will take place locally, and is scheduled for Saturday 7th November.

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. Teams must be self-sufficient; camp on the moor overnight and complete the distance between Saturday 8th May 0700 and Sunday 9th 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.

We are proud of Tiverton High School's long successful history of participating in this event. This is the result of a structured and progressive training programme requiring commitment, responsibility and teamwork.

Over the years we have designed a training programme of walks and overnight camps where students are closely supervised by groups of qualified staff and experienced volunteers. A list of training dates is below to help you with your forward planning.

Training

This year pupils from years 9, 10 and 11 are invited to attend the first 2 training walks. These will be local walks where we can accommodate more pupils, and it will give them a chance to find out more and see if they feel that they would like to commit to the training. These first 2 training walks will cost £10 in total.

Following this, we will be selecting a maximum of 25 pupils to participate in Ten Tors Training 2027.

Those who take part in training will experience day walks on Dartmoor, a long training weekend based at the Dartmoor Training Centre in addition to camps and wild camps on Dartmoor.

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.

The fee for the full training will be £260pp, and this will include a Ten Tors microfleece. Please check the dates of training before committing.

Training Dates

Please note that these are subject to change, for example in instances of extreme weather. The first two training walks are available to book via the Arbor App.

7 November 2026	9am – 3pm	Local walk
21 November 2026	9am – 3pm	Local walk
12 December 2026	Time TBC	Dartmoor/Exmoor walk
16 January 2027	Time TBC	Dartmoor/Exmoor walk
5-7 February 2027	Times TBC	Overnight residential (further details will follow)
26-27 February 2027	Times TBC	Overnight residential (further details will follow)
20-21 March 2027	Times TBC	Overnight residential (further details will follow)
10 April 2027	Time TBC	Dartmoor/Exmoor walk
24-25 April 2027	Times TBC	Overnight residential (further details will follow)
7-9 May 2027	Ten Tors Challenge	

Kit and Equipment

To take part in Ten Tors training there is a mandatory kit list which is required for all participants which I will provide following the Ten Tors Managers meeting in October. However, personal kit required will include; fully waterproof jacket and trousers, walking boots, rucksack, appropriate clothing (trousers, base tops, fleece etc.), appropriate sleeping bag and mat. Group equipment such as tents and stoves, will be supplied by the school. We also have a selection of kit that may be borrowed from school subject to size which includes boots, waterproofs, sleeping bags, fleeces, rucksacks and liners. This kit will be issued on a first come first serve basis and there will be a charge for items damaged or not returned.

Team Selection

Team places for the Ten Tors Challenge 2027 are limited and not all the students who participate in the training will be selected for a team. We have two 35-mile teams and one 45-mile team this year. The 45-mile team must comprise of year 11s or Year 10s who have completed the event before. The 35-mile teams can be formed from any Year 9 or Year 10. 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, teamwork, willingness to learn and resilience
- Attendance at training sessions, meetings and walks
- Performance and attitude during training

I look forward to seeing those who are interested in taking part at the introductory information evening on 22nd October in the school hall.

Kind regards

Mr G Brown
Ten Tors Manager

Ten Tors Training Walk 1

Welcome to our first Ten Tors training walk, which will take place on **Saturday 7th November 2026** locally, along the canal in Tiverton. This will be a 16-mile flat walk to ease everyone into training.

Date: Saturday 7th November 2026

Meet: 8.45am The canal carpark, Canal Hill, The Wharf, Tiverton EX16 4HX

Finish: approx. 3.00pm (ish) – pick up/leave from the canal.

There are a limited number of places on a minibus from school (please request this when booking).

Minibus departing Tiverton High School. 8.30am

Return to school car park: 3.30pm (ish)

Emergency contact on the day: Mr Brown 07925 360 350

We appreciate that it can be difficult for parents at this stage regarding buying equipment. You want your child to be properly equipped but you do not want to spend money on equipment until you are confident your child is going to continue with the training.

Students will need to bring the appropriate clothing for a day-walk outside.

- A jacket, which is warm and waterproof including a hood.
- Waterproof over-trousers (if available).
- Basic first aid kit and any other personal essentials.

Please DO NOT rush out and buy a pair of walking boots at this stage of the training; a pair of comfortable trainers will do quite adequately for the first walk although we do have several good quality boots that can be borrowed for this or subsequent walks.

Your child will also need to bring a packed lunch and plenty of water for the day. Please note that all trips are nut free so avoid packing any items containing nuts.

Please remember that whatever they bring they will have to carry, so do not pack too much stuff! A small rucksack will be ideal to carry the food, coats etc. Please be aware that if these are not waterproof they may require a plastic bag liner to keep things dry.

Ten Tors Training Walk 2

Meet: 8.45am at Tiverton High School, Bolham Road, Tiverton

Finish: 3.30pm (ish)

Emergency contact on the day: Mr Brown 07925 360 350

As with the first walk, full Ten Tors kit is not required at this stage, though appropriate clothing for the weather and conditions is essential. Students will need to bring the appropriate clothing for a day-walk outside as it is likely to be quite muddy in the fields on our route.

- A jacket, which is warm and waterproof including a hood.
- Waterproof over-trousers (if available).
- A pair of comfortable boots/trail shoes will do quite adequately for this walk. Again, we do have several good quality boots that can be borrowed for this or subsequent walks.
- Your child will also need to bring a packed lunch and plenty of water for the day.
- A small rucksack, with a waterproof liner, to carry food, coats etc.
- Basic first aid kit and any other personal essentials.