



17 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Ten Tors Challenge 2022

Ten Tors is a walking challenge run by the military, which takes place on Dartmoor each year. You can find out more about the event at www.tentors.org.uk/challenge/about.

At South Dartmoor Community College and the Atrium, we have a strong history of success at Ten Tors and it is a highlight of the school calendar. Currently, the event that is planned for May 2022 is going ahead and any changes that may come as a result of ever-changing COVID measures will be communicated with you as soon as possible.

The dates of walks and key events are as follows:

| Date | Walk or event |
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| Friday 15 October | Deadline for expressions of interest (follow the link on this letter). After this date, students signed up will be added to the Ten Tors 2022 Teams group |
| Thursday 21 October at 18:30 – 20:00 | Parent introduction and information launch meeting in the School Hall |
| Thursday 18 November | Deadline for entry payments on ParentPay |
| Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 December 2021 | In school training days |
| Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 January 2022 | Training weekend 1 |
| Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 February 2022 | Training weekend 2 and full kit check |
| Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 March 2022 | Training weekend 3 (camping TBC) |
| Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 March 2022 | Training weekend 4 (camping TBC) |
| Friday 22 April 2022 (This date is within the Easter Holiday) | Full kit checks in school |
| Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 April 2022 (This date is within the Easter Holiday) | Final training weekend 5 (camping TBC) |
| Wednesday 4 May 2022 | Final kit checks in school |
| Friday 6, Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 May 2022 | Ten Tors event |

All walks are compulsory and whilst I appreciate that things can happen at the last minute, students who do not regularly attend walks and meetings will run the risk of being cut from the selection process, so please check these dates before you sign up, including those at the end of the Easter Holiday.

Meetings and all correspondence will be on Teams and the Student Bulletin and there will be videos to learn the skills needed which will need to be watched and practiced. These are again compulsory and require a commitment from the students.

Dartmoor can be a hostile environment especially in winter and it is important that students are properly equipped. A kit list will be shown at the parents' launch meeting, so you can see what kit is required. They will need this kit from the first walk on Saturday 15 January and will be checked on Saturday 12 February. However, we do have a small stock of certain items that we can lend out. If this is something you may be interested in then please feel free to contact me on the email address at the bottom of this letter.

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In the last few years we have had competition for places which means we will assess the students continually and we will have to cut students that have not shown us the commitment or skills required to be successful. We will then make our final team selections in April. This means students will need the kit for training camps but may still not make the team.

To participate in the Ten Tors event, your child must have permission for photos to be taken and potentially be used on public websites and media outlets. In addition, by paying the enrolment fee and completing the consent form you are agreeing to give photo permission to both us and Ten Tors.

If you are interested in finding out more, we are holding an information evening on **Thursday 21 October at 18:30 in the Hall at South Dartmoor**. The potential participant AND a parent must attend. This is to go through all the information and commitments required.

To register and apply for this year's Ten Tors teams, please complete the 'Expression of Interest' form at <https://forms.office.com/r/uuQ6kJrXif>

This must be completed by Friday 15 October. We will not be accepting late entries after this date.

Please feel free to contact me through the email below if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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