



22 September 2022

## Ten Tors Challenge 2023

Dear Parent / Carer and potential Participant,

Ten Tors is a walking challenge run by the military which takes our students into the most remote and beautiful parts of the moor through their training and on the event. You can find out more about the event and its history at [www.tentors.org.uk/challenge/about](http://www.tentors.org.uk/challenge/about).

At South Dartmoor Community College, we have a strong history of success at Ten Tors and it is a highlight of the school calendar. Last year saw a triumphant return for the Ten Tors organisers after a two-year break and South Dartmoor and the Atrium had four 35-mile teams successfully complete the challenge.

This letter marks the launch of the 2022-2023 Ten Tors Challenge training and I would love you to consider taking part.

### Training dates and additional events:

Date	Walk or event
Friday 14 October 2022 Closes at 9.00 pm	Deadline for expressions of interest (the link and form can be found at the bottom of this letter). After this date, students signed up will be added to the Ten Tors 2023 Teams group. <b>Those who have not completed the form may still attend the Parent Introduction Information meeting.</b>
Wednesday 19 October 2022 <b>Starts time 5.30 pm</b> <b>Estimated finish time 7.00 pm</b>	Mandatory Parent Introduction Information meeting - Attendance required from participant and parent/carer.
Thursday 3 November 2022	Deadline for entry payments on ParentPay
Friday 25 November 2022 <b>Start time 3.30 pm</b>	Day walking kit check in SC9
Saturday 26 November 2022 <b>Start time TBC</b>	Day walk 1
Saturday 17 December 2022 <b>Start time TBC</b>	Day walk 2
Saturday 21 January 2023 <b>Start time TBC</b>	Day walk 3
Saturday 4 February 2023 <b>Start time TBC</b>	Day walk 4
Saturday 18 February 2023 <b>Start time 9.00 am</b> <b>Parent meeting start time 4.00pm</b> <b>Estimated finish time 6.00 pm</b>	In school training day ahead of training camps Mandatory Parent Camp Information meeting – Attendance required from participant and parent/carer.
Friday 3 March 2023 <b>Start time 3.30 pm</b>	Camp walking kit check in SC9
Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 March 2023	Camp 1

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<b>Start time TBC</b>	
Friday 17 March 2023 <b>Start time 3.30 pm</b>	Camp walking kit check in SC9
Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 March 2023 <b>Start time TBC</b>	Camp 2
Saturday 1 April 2023 <b>Start time 6.00 am</b> <i>(No, this isn't an April fools)</i>	Challenge walk <i>Final teams chosen after this walk</i>
Friday 21 April 2023 <b>Start time 3.30 pm</b>	Camp walking kit check in SC9
Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 April 2023 <b>Start time TBC</b>	Camp 3
Tuesday 2 May 2023	Routes published on Ten Tors website <b>Afterschool meeting TBC 3.30pm - 5.30pm</b>
Wednesday 3 May 2023 <b>Start time 3.30 pm</b> <b>Parent meeting start time 6.00pm</b> <b>Estimated finish time 7.30 pm</b>	Final kit checks for event in SC9 Mandatory Parent Event Information meeting – Attendance required from participant and parent/carer.
Friday 5 May 2023	Student arrive at basecamp, Okehampton
Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 May 2023	Ten Tors Challenge Event
Wednesday 14 June <b>Start time 5.30 pm</b> <b>Estimated finish time 7.00 pm</b>	Ten Tors 2023 Celebration evening

It is strongly advised that you attend every walk. I understand and appreciate that things can happen at the last minute, however, 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 in the holidays. Missed walks will not automatically mean you are cut from the training and selection process but it will be taken into consideration.

**Meetings will be held on Monday Break 2 in AT2 on weeks where training is planned for the weekend and all correspondence will be on Teams and the Student Bulletin.**

#### Kit:

In the last few years we have had competition for places which means we will assess the students continually and we will cut students that have not shown the commitment, teamwork and skills required to be successful. Our final team selection will be in April following the Challenge walk and not before. This means students will need the kit for training camps but may still not make the team. We strongly believe that this opportunity and experience is one that should be available for all. Thanks to our fantastic fundraising team we are able to offer financial support on a case-by-case basis or fully funded spaces for our Pupil Premium students. Our stores also have much of the kit you will require for the day and camp kit which can be loaned for the duration of the season. If this is something you are concerned about or would be of interest to you, please contact me directly using the e-mail at the bottom of this letter.

Dartmoor can be a hostile environment especially in winter and it is important that students are properly equipped. A kit list will be discussed and shared with you at the parents' information meeting, so you can see what kit is required. Participants will need their day kit for the first kit check on **Friday 25 November**. Full camp kit will be required from the first camp kit check on **Friday 3 March**.

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Photography permission:

**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 the school and Ten Tors.**

Next steps:

If you are interested in finding out more, we are holding an information evening on **Wednesday 19 October 5.30 pm in the Atrium building**. The potential participant AND a parent must attend in order to share key information, this will also be the deadline for sign ups. 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>

Keep this letter and bring it with you along with any questions to the Introduction Information meeting or please contact me using the email below if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely  
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