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Dear Blaise Families,

At Blaise High School we recognise the importance of children working hard to climb their own personal mountains to the very best universities in the country, or careers of their choosing.

I am writing to you to let you know about the Ten Tors Challenge, an event which students in years 9 and 10 at Blaise High School have the opportunity to take part in this academic year.

What is the Ten Tors Challenge?

The Ten Tors challenge is an endurance event in which teams of 6 students independently complete a 35, 45, or 55-mile route across Dartmoor National Park, navigating to different checkpoints throughout their journey. The event is a true challenge as students not only have to carry all their equipment (tents, food, cookers etc) and navigate tricky terrain, they also have a time limit in which the challenge has to be completed. Students are unaccompanied by school staff, however Ten Tors staff will be on each checkpoint and safety control point participants visit. Teams will also be provided with a GPS tracker so Ten Tors staff will be able to keep track of their location during the whole challenge. Your child would be attempting the 35-mile route.

Training

The Ten Tors challenge is a very popular event and is limited to a number of teams. This year we have applied for two teams (we will find out if we have been successful in mid October), therefore we are looking for a total of 12 students. Due to this, the nature of the training has an element of selection and a high amount of commitment is required. After each training event we will be making decisions over who progresses onto the next training stage. Students must be able to attend a majority of the training events to be part of the team as not only is this a prerequisite by the event organisers it also allows us to be confident that our teams are all well prepared for the challenges they may undertake. If we are not confident that a student is ready it would not be safe to let them participate.

Dates for the diary

Friday 18th October 2024 - Deadline for signing up

Monday 21st October 2024 - Parents information meeting (virtual)

Continued

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Below are the training events that must be attended:

Saturday 16th November 2024 – Fitness Test - Location: Blaise High School

Saturday 14th December 2024 - Navigation Training - Location: TBC

Sunday 26th January 2025 - Navigation Training - Location: Brecon Beacons

Friday 28th February - Saturday 1st March 2025 - Expedition Training- Location: Dartmoor National Park

Saturday 22nd - Sunday 23rd March 2025 - Expedition Training - Location: Dartmoor National Park

Friday 25th - Sunday 27th April 2025 - Expedition Training - Location: Dartmoor National Park

The Ten Tors Challenge event will be held out of Okehampton Camp from Friday 9th May to Sunday 11th May 2025

Although the Ten Tors challenge is a personal and physical challenge, the experiences and adventure they get from the event are second to none.

If your child is interested in taking part, please complete the expression of interest form [here](#) by **Friday 18th October 2024**. Once you've completed the form you will be sent further information about our first training event and the link to the virtual parents information meeting.

To view the launch assembly delivered to students please click the link [here](#).

We are very much looking forward to supporting students through their Ten Tors Challenge training this year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email on wallism@blaisehighschool.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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