



11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you to let you know about the Ten Tors Challenge, an event which students in Years 9 and 10 at Henley Bank 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-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.

### **Training**

The Ten Tors challenge is a very popular event and is limited to 400 teams across the South West of England. We train for and compete in the Ten Tors Challenge alongside other GLT schools.

We are looking for a total of 6 students to form the Henley Bank High School team this year (there may also be opportunities to join a composite team with students from other GLT schools if spaces are available). 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.

Alongside the weekend training events we will also run a number of after school sessions to teach essential skills required for navigation.

Team enrolment and all training fees are covered in full by Greenshaw Learning Trust, although students will be expected to have their own personal kit for the training events. We do however have many items such as tents, cooking equipment, sleeping bags and rucksacks that students may borrow if needed. Students will require their own pair of hiking boots with ankle support.

Financial support may be available to help with kit costs if required. Please contact Miss Shaw if you would like to discuss this further.

Stephen Derry, Headteacher

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### **Dates for the diary**

Friday 21st November - Deadline for signing up

### **Below are the training events that must be attended:**

- Sunday 11th January- Fitness test
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Navigation Training - Location: Brecon Beacons
- Friday 27th February - Monday 2nd March 2026 - Expedition Training- Location: Dartmoor National Park (Two days across this period. Final dates will be confirmed based on accommodation availability)
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 - Expedition Training - Location: Dartmoor National Park
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Expedition Training - Location: Dartmoor National Park
- The Ten Tors Challenge event will be held out of Okehampton Camp from **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

Dates for the after-school skills sessions will be shared in due course.

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

### **What should we do now?**

If your child is interested in taking part, please complete the form by **Friday 21st November**. Once you've completed the form you will be sent further information about our first training event.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sEVBSDrIMJeRWMJi3IqkcYKw5l-EzbBqBfp1A62iH9Y/edit>

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 [cshaw@henleybankhighschool.co.uk](mailto:cshaw@henleybankhighschool.co.uk)

Yours faithfully  
Miss Shaw

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