

September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: The Ten Tors Challenge 2026

Your child has shown an interest in training for the Ten Tors Challenge, which is a 35, 45 or 55 mile walk across Dartmoor over 2 days in May 2026. Details of the event can be found here <https://www.tentors.org.uk/>. The College is offering students an **introductory taster walk** on Sunday 5th October 2025. Enclosed is an Information Pack that has been prepared giving some further details on both the introductory taster walk and the wider Ten Tors Challenge training.

Students will need to provide their own personal equipment for the introductory taster walk. However, as this is an introductory walk we do not feel you need to purchase any expensive items. The College has some boots, waterproofs and wider equipment that can be borrowed. If your child would like to borrow boots / waterproofs for the introductory taster walk, please return the Equipment Borrowing Form from the Information Pack to Katrina Johnson in the Finance Office or to Reception by Wednesday 1st October.

To enable your child to take part in the introductory taster walk, and any further training, we have also prepared a **Parental Authorisation Pack**. Please complete and return the forms to me, or the College's main reception by Friday 26th September. We are restricted to the number of students who are able to take part and therefore it is important to return the consent forms as soon as possible.

The **introductory walk planning meeting** for the students is on Thursday 2nd October at 6.30 pm in the Sixth Form Common Room. This activity will be taking place out of school hours, is not part of the national curriculum and is defined as an 'optional extra', under the Department for Education's charging policy. Unfortunately there will be a cost to participate in order for the Ten Tors provision to be sustainable.

The **total cost** for your child to train for and participate in The Ten Tors Challenge 2025-26 is £198. This sum includes all the training walks (including transport), overnight expeditions and entry fees for the main event. Charges will be raised on ParentPay at a rate of £12 per training day (£24 for a weekend). There will be a reduced cost of £6 for the introductory taster walk. Please note payment will be required in advance of the training day(s) in order for your child to participate.

Depending on numbers we may require some parents to support with transport, but this will be arranged after the meeting on the 2nd October. If you may be able to help, please complete the form in the Parental Authorisation Pack and return it to me.

Following the introductory walk there will be a **meeting for participants and their parent/carers** on Thursday 9th October at 6.00pm in the College's Main Hall for those wishing to continue to train for the Ten Tors Challenge. Further information will be provided at this meeting. Should you have any questions at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Katrina Johnson
Ten Tors co-ordinator