

# The Blue School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 12 Ten Tors Challenge 2022

As one of the options for the sixth form next year, the school will be entering teams for the Ten Tors Challenge in May 2022. As one of the students who has had an offer Year 12 for next year, we would like to offer your daughter/son the chance to take part in this challenge. Please look at the Ten Tors website (<https://www.tentors.org.uk/>) for further details – some of which are explained below.

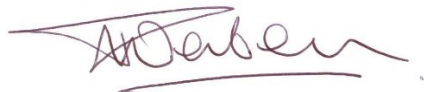
Ten Tors is an annual trekking event taking place over the weekend 6th – 8th May 2022. The Challenge is organised by the Army on Dartmoor and is one of the most challenging events for young people in the UK, intended for CCF Units, schools & colleges and scout groups in the West Country. It is always heavily subscribed with many schools taking part year after year. Please check the Ten Tors Challenge website and read about the Challenge in 2019 for further details. The two teams from the school in the 2019 Challenge were particularly successful and we wish to build on this success in the forthcoming year. No event has been held since then and next year's will be the 60<sup>th</sup> Challenge held and should be an exciting event.

There are three possible entry levels, from 35 miles for 14 -17yr olds, 45 miles for 16 & 17yr olds and 55 miles for 18 & 19yr olds. The students from Year 12 next year will be eligible for either the **35** or **45** mile Challenge. The Challengers have to visit ten nominated tors or checkpoints in **under two days**, they must be self-sufficient, carrying all that they need to complete their route and stay out overnight safely. The weather on Dartmoor can be very changeable and at times quite extreme, success or failure can depend very much on the extent to which a team has trained for all eventualities. The team/s entering the Ten Tors 2022 Challenge from The Blue School will have to commit to an extensive training programme during evenings and weekends over the autumn and winter to be ready for the event next spring. We are looking for committed students who have an interest in navigation, walking in isolated places and camping. Expressing an interest will commit the student to these training weekends (dates to be arranged).

Previous year's training programmes have been very effective in preparing the Challengers and this year I am likely to request the assistance of parents as helpers during the training programme. As a result, therefore, I should be grateful if parents would sign up below to help during Autumn 2021 and Spring 2022 to aid the training process if needed.

The school needs to enter and be accepted by this **September** for the event in **May 2022**, if there are enough suitable and interested students. For the entry in 2022, it is intended to enter teams for all distances and make offers to year groups 10, 11 & 12 and some experienced Year 13 students. To register an interest please either complete the slip below and return to Reception by Monday 5th July 2021 or send the information to [pnewbery@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:pnewbery@educ.somerset.gov.uk) by the same date.

Kind Regards



P Newbery  
Geography Teacher  
Ten Tors Team Manager

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I ..... would like to be considered for the Ten Tors team(s) for May 2022.

Signed ..... (Student)

As the parent of the student named above I support the application to take part in the 2022 Ten Tors Challenge.

I **am/ am not** willing to participate as a parental helper during autumn and spring leading up to the Challenge. (Please delete as appropriate)

Signed..... (Parent in support)

Print Name..... (Parent)