

Outcomes:

Prepare your kit for a 2-day hike

Complete a Bronze Award Expedition

Navigate and orienteer your route with your team

Apply your fitness for covering 11- miles on foot



This year's Duke of Edinburgh expedition saw the Team navigate a larger and longer route with some difficult decisions to make when orienteering the route. From the onset, everyone was well prepared, organised and motivated for the challenge. They understood what was being asked of them in the debrief, and used their acquired knowledge from lessons to ensure kit, belongings and food were on point.

Whilst travelling to the rendezvous starting point the team were excited and eager. Once started, they soon gelled together and navigated forest's, fields, pathways and got the occasional sighting of wildlife such as deer, hares and falcons. On completion of the 6-mile trek, albeit a slightly different route than anticipated, all were shattered and ready to set up camp. On arrival at Denver, the team worked through rain and hail stones to get the camp ready. Character building some might say!

They then cooked sausages, bacon and ate together, their well-earned meal. Later that evening they went fishing and caught a whopper, whilst discussing stories of the one that got away. Next morning, they travelled to Downham and followed a 5-mile route, now with tired legs the end was insight. They then cooked lunch again and then went back to the campsite to pick up the tents that had been drying. When back at school they had a debrief and noted their strengths and all the fantastic things they done together as a team. They had a great time and will not forget the experience they had together.

Quotes:

"Ae we nearly there yet" BS

"I'm not giving up" BK

"Are these even cooked" AK



Everyone has a personal best