

Bronze D of E Expedition, 13th-14th July

Fifty-five Year 10 students embarked upon the Expedition section of their Duke of Edinburgh Award this term, with a training weekend at school in the Easter holidays and an assessed expedition weekend in Essex in July. Unfortunately, the coach company that the company running the expedition had booked let them down and another coach had to be booked last minute. The girls were very patient while they waited and kept each other in good spirits. The expedition company sent them some pizza as a gesture of goodwill.



Once they finally arrived at the campsite in Skreen's Park, the girls navigated a circular route through the countryside. Some groups walked a lot further than others, depending on the extent to which they got lost!



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Having put tents up, the groups set about cooking on Trangia stoves. The evening meal was a highlight for many, which is not surprising when they chose to make dishes such as delicious-looking curries and some even a three course meal. Everyone had plenty to eat and had lots of snacks left over at the end of the expedition. They didn't pack light!



We all woke up early on Sunday morning to the sound of rain falling steadily on to the tops of our tents. Undeterred, the girls had their breakfast, packed up their tents and set off. The groups walked their planned routes, all but one arriving at the last checkpoint on time.



Some learnt a lot about themselves, a few learnt that they are more resilient than they thought, and one or two just never want to see a field of wheat ever again! They left with aches, pains and blisters but lots of memories. Well done girls.

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