

ETONBURY ACADEMY

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

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MRS COVERDALE



YEAR 10 - Silver !

The Duke of Edinburgh SILVER expedition went really well, with everyone working together and showing great determination. It took place on the 26th-28th June in the Peak District.

They hiked Mam Tor before trekking down to Treak Cliff Cavern all as a team on a very windy day . The second day they group walked Bamford Edge and worked together so wonderfully to keep up motivation. The evenings were spent screen-free, playing games. They had a brilliant day at Peveral Castle and Bakewell watching the World of Dance event. Each day began with a sense of anticipation and ended with a feeling of accomplishment, as they conquered new obstacles and grew in confidence.

The beauty of the Peak District provided a stunning backdrop for the journey. Rolling hills, lush valleys, and serene rivers accompanied them as they hiked, fostering a deeper appreciation for nature. Evenings were spent around the campfire, where laughter and stories filled the air, forming bonds that would last long after the expedition ended.

The leaders, Mrs. Coverdale and Mrs. Hilsden, were incredibly supportive, offering guidance and encouragement throughout the trip. They were supported by Mr Lowrie, Miss Dilley and Mr Stirton-Croft. Their expertise was invaluable, ensuring that everyone not only met the requirements of the Silver award but also enjoyed the experience to its fullest.

Overall, the expedition was a memorable adventure, full of learning, teamwork, and personal growth. The students returned with a newfound resilience and a collection of cherished memories that would inspire them in future endeavors.



Message from one of our parents. "When your child comes home and tells you it's "the best school trip I've ever been on" and it was "the best weekend of my life", you know you have done something pretty special, so thank you all. You have given her an incredible experience that she will remember for the rest of her life. Priceless".

