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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF EDUCATION

On Friday I had the pleasure of joining one of our Bronze groups for the Duke of Edinburgh award. The group had already walked from Dunkery Beacon the previous day and camped in Porlock overnight. I joined them on the Friday morning for the walk back to Minehead and what a day we had!

We were guided by Emily from Channel Adventure, who by now had established a great rapport with the group and had taught them how to pitch a tent, how to cook whilst camping and of course basic map reading skills including how to look for 'clues' on the route. The students were able to recall and demonstrate elements of this and we set off to find the footpath.

Then began the difficult part as we walked up Hurlstone Point - a very steep climb - and continued up to our lunch spot at Selworthy Beacon, which is in total a climb of 273 metres. This was quite a challenge for our students, carrying significant weight with their kit.

What was remarkable and memorable about this day was the camaraderie, kindness and support within the group. Whenever a member of the group was struggling, they helped each other, never displaying irritation or impatience but instead working hard to raise morale. In particular, students Liam and Cameron were shining examples of what can be achieved when we work as a team. They were kindness personified and when we finally made it back to the hotel, Emily remarked on the teamwork of the group as being possibly the best she had ever seen. Unsurprisingly, they had all passed.

To see students working like this under pressure was a real privilege. To hear that some of them had gone to work the next day or taken part in the Park Run, was the icing on the cake. A huge well done to this group and indeed to all the groups taking part in this challenge. Valuable lessons were learned about strength of character, resilience and teamwork and it was a privilege to join them.

Well done to all the teams so far who have taken up this fantastic challenge. You are a credit to Aurora Foxes.

**A TOUR AROUND THE HOUSES**

**The Hive and Hollow will join us next week*



Foxes Trading Post

FOXES TRADING POST

This week, Foxes Trading Post students enjoyed a trip to Watchet on the bus and a visit to the local pub to play a game of pool!



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FOXES LOFT

This week, Beth, Saffy, Max, Zac and Katelyn completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze assessment expedition! They all did incredibly well and had a fantastic time.



Foxes Loft

FOXES LODGE & BURROW

A group of students at Foxes Lodge and Burrow went on a trip to the Dinosaur park this week. They all enjoyed meeting the meerkats and feeding them and had a ride on the adventure train.

Also, a big well done to Riana who has used the public transport to go to her work experience placement fully independently - she is very proud of her achievement and so are we all at the Lodge and Burrow.



Foxes Lodge & Burrow



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FOXES EARTH

Foxes Earth students enjoyed a game of cricket on a warm summer's evening in the garden this week. The students had to work as part of a team, which they all excelled at!



Foxes Earth

FOXES ROOST

The students at Foxes Roost have had a busy few weeks including visits to the local cinema, Lynton and Lynmouth and Tropicquaria Zoo!



Foxes Roost