

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Adventurous Journey

During the April holidays, 90 Year 9 students and 6 members of staff completed a combined practice and qualifying Bronze Adventurous Journey over 3 days in the beautiful Colo valley.



The first day was spent learning the skills required for their two-day qualifying journey. They practised navigation skills, including using topographic maps, developed camp craft skills such as setting up tents, and learned how to use a Trangia stove to cook camp nachos before toasting marshmallows on campfires.

The girls were also taught how best to pack their hiking packs and the importance of carrying only what was necessary. They had the opportunity to complete a practice hike and learn important canoe skills while playing games on the river.

On Days 2 and 3, the girls set off on their qualifying Adventurous Journey, using the maps and route cards they had prepared the previous day. Groups either hiked or canoed along the Colo River to a new campsite for their second night in tents. They prepared meals they had planned as groups before an early night, ready for the final day of their journey, when groups again hiked or canoed back to base.



The weather was perfect, with sunny days and warm nights, and the girls demonstrated excellent resilience and teamwork, approaching each challenge with positive attitudes. Well done to all the girls who took part, and a huge thank you to the staff who accompanied them.

1: Camping in the Colo valley | 2: Final check of the map before setting off on the hike | 3: Canoeing on the Colo River