

Press Release

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Expedition to Mongolia

Unwinding after a year of hard work would be top of the agenda for most Post 16 students this summer but not for the Post 16 students from Downend School.

Fourteen students are going on a World Challenge Expedition to Mongolia this summer. The team will be working in an orphanage at their summer camp. They will be undertaking project work and playing with the children. They are then riding for 3 days into the Arkhangai Mountains to trek for a further six days and returning on horseback.

At the end of their time in Mongolia the students will fly to Beijing for 3 day rest and relaxation. They will visit the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. It will be challenging and exciting. The team will spend virtually the whole month in tents, traveling and working together. It is a unique opportunity for the students to develop their leadership and teamwork skills while learning about and living with Mongolian nomads.

During the build up day the students will be checking kit and finalising details of the expedition in terms of health, safety and hygiene.

Alison Wood Assistant Headteacher and Expedition Leader said "This is my eleventh expedition of this type and the students and I are really looking forward to this trip. At Downend we strive to give our students the best educational experience we can and for these students this month in Mongolia will be an amazing Challenge for them that will impact their lives."

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