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Trekkers: Olly Jeffries, 18, Nick Griffiths, 16, Lorien Klingenberg, 17 and Thomas Faire, 17, from Downend school who are preparing for an expedition to Mongolia

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