



Moor House School News and Events

Year 10 Camp Out on the School Field

9th July 2009

On Thursday 9th July students in Year 10 had the option to camp out on the school field. The idea originated in the mind of a Year 10 student who saw what the Duke of Edinburgh students in Year 11 had been doing on their Bronze Level expeditions, and who wanted to do something similar on a smaller scale for the Year 10s as an end of year treat.

Clearly, this is an example of how having a good idea and putting it forward in the appropriate way can get results!

Most Year 10s (12 out of the 15 that were in school) took part in the activity which began at 6pm with setting up the tents. This was followed by a tasty barbecue dinner served on the lawn outside Northanger, cooked by Mrs. Lee who volunteered to help for the evening.



At around 8pm the majority of the school returned into the school building, leaving the school field open for the Year 10s to enjoy themselves with impromptu games of 'manhunt' and 'cops and robbers' as the sun began to set. As the temperature dropped, students were glad to have a warm campfire to sit around while chatting and toasting marshmallows, before one final game of manhunt in near darkness.

Students settled into sleeping bags and tents at around 10.30pm although quite a bit of chatting and giggling was heard for the following hour, clear evidence of a fun time being had!



The following morning dawned with beautiful weather, with most students waking to the glow of sunlight on their faces. Although Nick and George were the early birds, rising at 6.30-ish, many students slept so well that they actually needed to be roused from the comfort of their sleeping bags at 7.15-ish to ensure that they would be ready for their final day of Work Experience. It seems to be true that teenagers are pretty good at sleeping in almost any set of conditions!

Many thanks are due to Darren Heine for agreeing to join in and sleep out on the field, to Mrs. Lee for the cooking and for the loan of her megatent for the staff, to the Residential Care Department for their flexibility in allowing the event to take place, to the catering department for providing the food, to the PSA and those who contribute to PSA fundraisers for the tents that the students used, and to David Uren who had the idea for the evening.

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