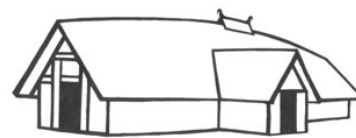


Frequently asked questions for DofE Courses at the Ancient Technology Centre (ATC)



1. Are all dietary requirements catered for?

Yes - We are able to prepare meals according to all dietary needs **providing we receive the information in advance**. In some cases it may be necessary for course participants / parents / guardians to provide specialised food.

2. Does the Centre/School carry out risk assessments for all the activities during the course?

Yes – the ATC has Health and Safety Policies and Risk Assessments for all the activities that are run during the course.

3. Are course participants supervised at all times?

Yes. A member of D of E Staff is on duty during the evenings and night-time hours. All free time during the course will be supervised by a member of ATC or D of E Staff.

4. What bedding/linen is my child required to bring?

Please bring a thermal mat, sleeping bag and pillow.

5. I have a medical condition / special needs, will the Centre be able to meet my needs?

Yes – The Centre will be able to meet your needs provided we have all the necessary information prior to the course. In some cases, it may be necessary for a meeting with yourself and the Centre to put in place individual risk assessments, access plans and emergency procedures. Please contact the Centre for further information.

6. What are the sleeping arrangements? Do boys and girls share a room?

The sleeping accommodation for young people is all in the one central room of the Longhouse. There are separate rooms for staff. While the toilets in the longhouse are unisex, there are additional separate toilet blocks for men and for women on site, each with showering facilities.

7. What meals are provided during the course at the ATC?

All meals are provided during your stay. If you have any special dietary requirements please let us know as soon as possible via an email directly to atc@dorsetcc.gov.uk

8. May I bring hand held computer games or other electronic devices?

It is difficult for the Centre to provide a secure place to store these items and so we recommend that people do not bring any valuable items such as these with them. Mobile telephones would be advised for communications purposes, especially if being collected from a train station, and also for photographic purposes during the stay. If pupils wish to bring another form of entertainment (eg guitar, painting or drawing materials, books)

9. Will I know what to do in the event of a fire/incident?

Yes – at the beginning of your stay there is a Domestic Introduction which covers Health and Safety during the course followed by a fire drill. You will be shown all the fire exits from the main building. Fire regulations and checks are completed on a regular basis.

10. Can I smoke during the course?

Yes – we do not allow smoking in any of the buildings but we have a designated smoking area on site. Smoking will be permitted during activities at designated times and locations only.

11. Is there any way for me to make telephone calls?

Yes – Mobile telephone reception on site is sketchy at the best of times, but we have a telephone in the ATC office 01725 517618 and also one in the Longhouse 01747 859122 in the event that your family should need to contact you.

12. Who is the DofE Assessor?

The DofE Assessor is Patricia Walker: p.a.walker@dorsetcc.gov.uk

If you have any additional queries, please contact the Centre on 01725 517618 or e-mail us at: atc@dorsetcc.gov.uk