



Your questions answered for your D of E Visit



Welcome to The Ancient Technology Centre, Cranborne, a Dorset Council outdoor education centre, housing a unique collection of historic buildings recreated from archaeological evidence, from the Stone Age through to the Anglo Saxon period.

We have compiled some frequently asked questions here from other Duke of Edinburgh students prior to their residential visit.



We hope this booklet will reassure you that we will do everything in our power to ensure you have a wonderful and unique experience, learn new skills and inspire your future career choice.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q *Do you have showers?*

A Consider your stay with us as 'indoor camping'. We do have one male and one female shower but most of our students manage to stay clean!

Q *Do you have wheelchair access?*

A Our site is level, albeit a little uneven in places, but it is accessible by wheelchair and we do have accessible toilets. If you need a specific item of equipment to be made available just let us know.

Q *I have a special diet.*

A We are used to catering for different allergies and personal food choices, including gluten free and vegan. Just let us know what you need.





Q *What type of sleeping bag should I bring?*

A A summer weight sleeping bag should be enough for July, but feel free to bring an extra blanket if you wish. You will also sleep on sheep skins for extra comfort and warmth.

Q *Do I need to bring an alarm clock?*

A As students sleep communally, we doubt you will sleep in! Someone will wake you.

Q *Can I use my mobile on site?*

A There is practically no mobile phone signal here. Consider it a challenge to go without your phone for 5 days. We do have a land line telephone you can use if you wish to call home.

A unique opportunity to go right back to basics and live life as your ancestors did



Q *Do you have wi-fi on site?*

A Our wi-fi is for office use. But if you need to use the wi-fi then speak to your tutor.

Q *Do I need to bring camping utensils?*

A No, we have everything you need here. However, your own water bottle to stay hydrated during the day when working may be helpful. Just bring what is on the kit list.

Q *Will I be able to have tea and coffee?*

A Yes, there will be plenty of breaks with hot and cold drinks, plus biscuits.

Q *Are there any animals on site?*

A We do have five sheep roaming free, who will keep to themselves.





Q *How many others will join me?*

A The average is 10 but we can take up to 16 students.

Q *Do I need to bring my evidence book?*

A I would bring it just in case.

Q *Do I really need to bring walking socks?*

A You will be working hard on site and walking socks offer the most comfort when working all day. Bring whatever socks are best for you. You may find a change of socks for the evening is welcome.

Q *Can I come and see the site before I book?*

A Yes of course. Visits will be by appointment.

The Ancient Technology Centre will teach you many new as well as historic skills



Q *Can I choose what activities to do?*

A Most of our tasks require teamwork.
Talk to your tutor if you are concerned about any activity.

Q *Can I leave the site and explore the local area?*

A We are situated in a beautiful, but small, village.
There is very little public transport but plenty of opportunity for walking and exploring.

Q *Will there be other people on site?*

A We are not open to the public but we may have official visitors to the site. Our friendly volunteers come in every Monday and Wednesday. We encourage you to talk to them. The site is secure and we have rigid safeguarding procedures. CCTV is also in place for your safety.



Q *Could someone meet me at the coach/train station?*

A Yes, we can arrange transport from Salisbury or Bournemouth train station or Ringwood coach station. Let us know.

Q *What happens if I am taken ill whilst on the course?*

A All our staff are first aid trained. We will contact your next of kin immediately you feel unwell and ensure you receive all necessary medical treatment. The local GP is opposite our site. We also have a locked medical cabinet to store your medication.



The Duke of Edinburgh website has much more information about what to bring and what to expect out of your experience.
www.dofe.org

We hope you found the answer to these questions helpful. If you still have questions then please do call us on 01725 517618 or email atc@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

