



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 historically accurate buildings throughout the Dark Ages.

If you still have questions about your stay please contact us on 01725 517618 and speak to one of our tutors.



The aim of this booklet is to answer your immediate questions and to reassure you that we will do everything in our power to ensure that you have a wonderful experience and learn skills that will take you throughout your career.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q Do you have any showers?

A You have to think about a stay with us as 'indoor camping'. We do have one 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 have disabled toilet facilities.

Q I have a special diet. Can you cater?

A We are used to offering a variety of food and accommodating different allergies. Just let us know what you need.





Q What type of sleeping bag should I bring?

A Our courses are in the summer so a summer weight sleeping bag should be sufficient. But bring an extra blanket for comfort if you wish.

Q Do I need to bring an alarm clock?

A As students sleep communally I doubt very much you will sleep in! Someone will wake you.

Q Is there phone signal on site?

A No, there is practically no mobile phone signal here. Consider it a challenge to go without your phone for 5 days.

A unique opportunity to go right back to basics and live life in the Dark Ages



Q Do you have wi-fi on site?

A Our wi-fi is restricted for use by the office. However if it is important that you have wi-fi please see your tutor.

Q Do I need to bring my own bowl, cup, utensils etc.

A No we have everything you need here. However a water bottle to drink from is very important.

Q Will we be able to have tea and coffee?

A Yes there will be plenty of drinks for you to have as well as biscuits and cake.





Q How many people will be in the team?

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.

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 working as a team.
Talk to your tutor if you are concerned.

Q Can I leave 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 people around when we are
working?

A We may have visitors to the site but the
schools will be on their summer break. You are
encouraged to chat to anyone who visits.



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

A Yes we can arrange to collect and return you to Salisbury train station. Please request this when booking.

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 and ensure you receive any necessary medical treatment. The local doctor is within walking distance of our site.



The Duke of Edinburgh site 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

