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**BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL LAGOS
BRONZE INTERNATIONAL AWARD EXPEDITION 2016
POST EXPEDITION REPORT**





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Diary

Wednesday 22nd June

The instructors were at Abinger Hammer Village Hall in the Surrey Hills bright and early ready for the arrival of 17 students from BIS Nigeria for their Bronze DofE Programme.

The coach arrived shortly after 9am and some weary looking students came off the bus after a long journey. After a chance to use the facilities and freshen up a bit we moved across to the sports club and the two teams sat down with Paul and Sian to begin their introductions and briefings.



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Following the initial session it was back over to the village hall for some lunch after which the teams received their expedition kit and prepared for the short walk to the Youth Hostel where they would be spending the next few nights. Suitcases were loaded into the vans and the teams set off.

The walk was about 3km in length through the woods and both teams were safely at the Youth Hostel by 3pm in time to check into their rooms, shower and generally have a bit of time to relax before dinner at 6pm and an early night!

Thursday 23rd June

A late(ish) breakfast at 8am was followed by some training on stoves, menu planning and route planning during the morning. The weather was a bit British and so we didn't get tents out, deciding to save that for later in the week. After lunch in the hostel we piled into several taxis for the 20 minute drive through to the bright lights of Guildford where the teams spent the afternoon whizzing around the Ice Rink with varying degrees of success! After a quick Wimpy it was back into the taxis for a very wet drive back to the hostel before dinner and a couple of hours of down time at the end of another busy day.

Friday 24th June

The day before the Expedition! After yet another Full English Breakfast the teams continued with their training with the first priority being finalising their menus for the expedition. At about 10:30 a small group from each team headed into Dorking armed with their menu plans to negotiate the local Lidl! A couple of hours later the hunter gatherers were back at the hostel proudly displaying their eclectic range of food. Following lunch the teams finished off their route planning, checked tents and started packing their rucksacks for the epic adventure that was now very close to starting. Everyone enjoyed their last catered dinner for a few nights and had some time to sort bags and relax before bedtime.

Saturday 25th June

The last cooked breakfast was followed by a flurry of activity as bags were packed, rooms were cleaned (a vacuum cleaner even came out at some point!), suitcases were loaded into the vans and food and group kit was distributed and loaded into bags.

The weather was fairly good as the teams set off into the Surrey Hills carrying all they needed for the next two days and two nights. Everyone took turns at using the map and



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compass and spirits were high despite the heavy rain showers that developed during the afternoon.

Both teams arrived at Holmbury St Mary Village Hall in a torrential downpour but were soon settled in and organising their beds for the night with the girls up on the stage and the boys scattered across the main hall. Dinner was expertly cooked on the Trangia stoves before a birthday cake miraculously materialised for Patricia and Elizabeth!

Everyone settled down for the night in their temporary home and after a while the noise did settle down and everyone had a good night's sleep ready for more expeditioning tomorrow.

Sunday 26th June

Day two of the expedition started with another flurry of activity as breakfast was cooked, bags were packed and the village hall was cleaned from top to bottom.

The thought of finishing the Expedition was obviously a good motivator as both teams set off at a great pace and were soon at the campsite and pitching their tents after another great display of navigation and team spirit. The time before dinner was spent mainly playing football or chilling in the tents but soon enough the Trangias were back out and producing a range of culinary delights!

Dinner and washing up took quite a while and it was soon time for bed so everyone could get a good night's sleep ready for the most exciting part of the trip...shopping in Guildford!!

Monday 27th June

It was a slightly sluggish start to the day as the hard and work of the week was starting to take its toll but after a bit of cajoling by the instructors the team were pretty soon piling into the taxis that would take them to the shopping mecca that is Guildford!

A productive few hours later and a lot of the students were proudly showing off new trainers and were loaded down with shopping bags as we made our way across Guildford on foot to the Air Hop trampolining centre.

Despite it being somewhere around the temperature of the sun inside the building everyone had a fun hour bouncing around and hurling themselves into a big tub of foam blocks before the taxis arrived to take us back to the hostel.



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We were all grateful for a nice hot meal in the evening and another cake...it was Paul's birthday today. Everyone started packing their suitcases before heading off to bed before a long day of travelling in the morning.

Tuesday 28th June

It was a very early start for some as the process of packing and cleaning began again. Breakfast was a bit of a rushed affair compared to the rest of the week and pretty soon we were all saying our farewells and the coach was departing for Heathrow leaving a peaceful Surrey Hills behind it!

It was great to work with the Teachers and students of BIS and help them achieve their Bronze International Duke of Edinburgh Award! We hope to welcome future teams back to the UK.