

Ten extra-ordinary teenagers – going to the Peak of the World

The Highest Classroom on Earth

The only limits are those of vision

The Challenge

In October 2013 ten pupils with complex learning and behavioural issues will embark on the challenge of a lifetime: a fifteen-day trek to the Himalayas. It is an expedition that will test them to their physical and emotional limits, a gruelling yet potentially life-changing adventure where they will trek to the Mount Everest Base Camp and beyond to the Kala Patthar summit.



The Team

- Ten pupils and teachers from the 'Engage in their Future' network of schools.
- Lewis Moody MBE, retired England Rugby Captain and British Lions legend.
- Thinus Delport, South African ex rugby union ace who played for Worcester Warriors and South Africa.
- Alan Chambers MBE, former Royal Marine Commando and leader of Britain's first unassisted expedition to the North Pole from Canada.
- Trystan Williams, the driving force behind the Extreme Classroom, Principal of the Springfields Academy.
- Jeremy Newton, Swindon Town FC Academy Manager
- Rachael Mackenzie, former world Thai boxing champion
- Kevin Gaskell, International business leader and Entrepreneur.
- Eight business mentors.

This expedition is the third in a series of eight planned trips which will be captured in a BBC documentary. The documentary will follow candidates from schools within the Engage network – the national body supporting the education of disaffected pupils – as they take part in the rigorous selection process, and record the highs and lows of their ultimate journey.

We hope that you will be able to make a contribution and be part of engaging and supporting some of society's most vulnerable children in their learning journey. Go to the www.thebiggive.org.uk and search for The Extreme Classroom.

www.springfields.wilts.sch.uk/ExtremeClassroom

A close-up, low-angle shot of a steep, snow-covered mountain peak, likely Mount Everest, under a clear blue sky. The foreground shows a rocky, snow-dusted path or ledge.

