

**The Hottest
Classroom
on Earth**

**Two Cultures.
One Goal.**



*Ten 'extra-ordinary' teenagers.
Eight business and sporting dragons.
At the extremes of the Equator.*

The only limits are those of vision

The Challenge

In June 2012 ten students with complex emotional issues will embark on the challenge of a lifetime: a nine-day trek across the floor of the Great Rift Valley, starting from the sacred Mount Longido and ending at the stunning Crater Highlands and Ngorongoro Crater.

It is an expedition that will test them to their physical and emotional limits, a gruelling yet potentially life-changing adventure guided by members of the Maasai tribe – once the fiercest of warriors – across this fascinating geographical and geological region.

The Team

- **Alan Chambers MBE**, former Royal Marine Commando and veteran of Britain's first unsupported expedition to the North Pole.
- **Dr Ed Coats** who joined with James Cracknell and Ben Fogel in the race to the South Pole
- **Trystan Williams**, the driving force behind the '*Coldest Classroom on Earth*' expedition to the Arctic Circle in 2011, and Springfields Academy Principal
- **Ten pupils and teachers** from the Engage in their future network of schools
- **Eight business/sporting mentors**
- **Six Maasai guides and one local medic**

The Concept

One of a series of observational documentaries under the banner of '*The Extreme Classroom*', the expedition has been devised and developed by Springfields Academy Principal Trystan Williams and Vice Principal Jon Hamp in the belief that '*only by challenging students will they exceed expectations.*'

The BBC 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.

The leaders will carry a nagging doubt that the cynics might be right... and these pupils are indeed lost causes.

Their small band of students will have a point to prove... to themselves, and to those who have written them off.



The Objective

- To give ten students within the Engage in their future network of schools a once in a lifetime opportunity to discover the depths and reality of their abilities and commitment
- To share with other students the associated educational benefits
- To increase exposure for the Dore Foundation and the Engage in their future network of schools

The Dore Foundation – a charity that champions the cause of children with learning difficulties by providing access to the Dore Programme, a unique drug-free programme of personalised physical exercise that aims to address the symptoms associated with learning difficulties such as dyslexia, dyspraxia and ADHD.

Engage in their future is the association that exists to provide peer support, training and the sharing of good practice between special schools in order to continually improve the education and welfare of pupils.

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