

Local People - A Teenage Perspective

A small group of students from various year groups at Macclesfield Academy meets regularly to discuss ideas, work together and support each other as writers. The articles they write for us look at life from a sometimes refreshingly alternative perspective!

This issue, we include a piece by Ocean Wolstenholme, who is just 13 years old.



My camping trip to Buxton

On Wednesday, 12th September, I visited a camp site in Buxton for the weekend. Where we stayed was a large field that approximately 10 other people camped on. When I travelled to Buxton I was accompanied by my close friend, Georgia, and her mum, Laura. We stayed at the camp site for 2 nights and 3 days.

There are many aspects of camping I enjoyed: firstly, I enjoyed it when we could hear the sounds of the pattering rain on the side of the tent; I found it to be a very calming noise to listen to. Also, I enjoyed it when we had to use a BBQ to make all our food. We bought disposable BBQs to cook dinner and breakfast on. One valuable lesson we learnt whilst camping is to make sure that you keep the BBQ dry and out of moist areas! We discovered this after we got it wet and struggled to light it up again.

On arrival, we set up our tent next to a wall. We intentionally placed it here so that it helped us to escape the winds as we were high up in Buxton. The wall acted as a wind breaker and stopped some of the wind from rustling with our tent throughout the days we spent camping. This was a valuable thing to do as, at night, the rustling of the tent would not keep us awake then.

Whilst we were there, we had no internet connection as we were so far away from any other places. So, instead, we played cards. It was a good way to pass the time – especially when it was raining. On the site there was a ‘games room’, where we could go and watch the television, as we were not able to do so in the tent.

If I were to suggest some tips to help you to enjoy camping to the fullest I would say to follow these steps: always make sure that you have a tent that is going to be able to keep you dry and safe from the weather throughout the night. Also, make sure that you have the BBQ or any other cooking tools stored in a dry area, where they won't get damaged. Lastly, make sure that you set up camp in an area where there is a natural wind breaker, e.g. a wall as this will ensure that your tent won't be blown around in the wind.

I would highly recommend anyone to go camping; even if you haven't done it before. This is because it is exciting and allows you to get involved in things you normally wouldn't in your everyday life. Things such as: building a tent, sleeping under the stars and making your own food. But, also, generally being outside and getting fresh air.

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