

# Compass Orienteering

## Course Details:

- **Age range suitability** : Years 5 and 6
- **Ratio** : 1 adult to every 8 children (+ additional SEN support if required)
- **Additional Information:** Appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather conditions. Comfortable walking shoes.

Could you find your way home using a map and compass? Can you use compass directions and pacing to find hidden clues around Devizes Town, then use these clues to complete a challenging crossword to finish the orienteering challenge? These activities will help to improve the groups orienteering competence and their communication and cooperation skills.

### **Arrival Time: 10:00—10:30**

The days activities are explained along with an introduction about the necessary safety precautions of working on site and in town.

**Please note, each adult will be responsible for a small group of children off site in Devizes town.**



The programme will involve compass and map work, outdoors firstly in the Braeside grounds and then in Devizes town. Each activity develops students' knowledge and use of a map and compass allowing them to gain in confidence and competence during the day. The initial session will cover the basics how a compass works, learning to walk on a bearing and learning to pace distances in meters. Once these skills have been learnt the students will be paired up and will have to compete the Mini-beast orienteering challenge on site. Can all the students put their new skills in to place to find minibeasts ink stamps hidden around the Braeside grounds?

**Lunch time:** Students will eat their packed lunches brought from home. Students will have access to the Braeside lawns and ball court for free play during the lunch break.

During the lunch break we will break the class into 4 groups of approx 8. Each group will be supervised by one adult. Mobiles should be carried by each adult and a first aid kits will be provided by Braeside for each group.

Students are introduced to the compass orienteering activity based in Devizes Town. They must complete a crossword puzzle by following a route using bearings and pacing, to arrive at different locations that can answer their crossword questions. A help point will be established in the town for lost groups to go to for help. A Braeside member of staff will be on call at all times, and can accompany a specific group if needed.

**Finish 2.15 – 2.30** Students will return to Braeside to hand in equipment, pack up bags and change into spare clothes / shoes if necessary to travel home.