

SCHOOL ORIENTEERING NEWS

SPRING 2019

Orienteering News for Schools and Youth Groups in Coventry, Warwickshire, Solihull, Daventry and Banbury

EXPERIENCE THE ACTIVE OUTDOOR NAVIGATION SPORT OF ORIENTEERING

With Octavian Droobers Orienteering Club

OCTAVIAN DROOBERS

For Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull Schools*

Saturday 23 March
Memorial Park, Coventry
10.30am until 12noon

All pupils are welcome from Year 5 up to Year 13. These championships are aimed at introducing children to this adventure sport and for our junior club members. Beginners are especially welcome as help is available to all participants.

Come along with your classmates and families; complete an entry form, with your name, school year and school name. There will be school team, individual boys and girls prizes and certificates to credit success.

Three categories:

Primary - Years 5 and 6

(pupils can run in pairs, NB junior club members in Years 4 and under can compete in this category)

Lower Secondary – Years 7, 8 & 9

Upper Secondary - Years 10, 11, 12 & 13

There will be 3 courses from approximately 1km to 3km: a very easy White, easy Yellow and a medium Orange.

Entry is £1 plus £1 for hire of electronic timer.

Full details on Octavian Droobers Orienteering Club website www.octavian-droobers.org

* includes schools outside this area where pupils are OD members and also includes pre registered youth groups ie scouts

WORLD SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019 ESTONIA

Congratulations to pupils from Kenilworth School who have been selected to represent England at the World Schools Orienteering Championships. Florence and Tabitha Lunn will travel to Estonia at the end of April and Oliver Flippance is a reserve for the team. They were selected after successful performances at the British Schools Orienteering Championships at the end of 2018. See www.bsoa.org for more information.



Date for your diary

West Midlands Schools Orienteering Championships

Saturday 11 May

Hednesford, Cannock Chase, Staffordshire

Organisers : Walton Chasers

www.walton-chasers.co.uk

To prepare pupils to compete in school competitions we have a series of events where we welcome beginners to learn more about the sport. These are organised by Octavian Droobers around Warwickshire and the Midlands and are suitable for juniors, parents and teachers of all ages. No need to pre book, just turn up. If more than 6 please advise so we can offer the best support. Help is always available for beginners and specific coaching too, see website for details.

Next Events

Saturday 16 January, Daventry Country Park, 10-12noon

Sunday 3 February, Hartshill Hayes C.Park, Nuneaton 10-12

Saturday 9 February, Coaching* - Hay Wood, Baddesley Clinton

Saturday 23 February, Everdon Stubbs Woods, nr Daventry, 10-12

Saturday 16 March, Coaching* – Coombe Country Park

Sunday 17 March, Bentley Woods, Atherstone 10 – 12noon

Saturday 23 March, Memorial Park, Coventry, inc Schools Champs.

Check website for final details re dates and venues, or contact 01926 632189. *Coaching- for beginners and improvers - all sessions need to be pre-booked, and run from 10.30 – 12noon. Contact coaching@octavian-droobers.org

Permanent Orienteering Courses

These are ideal for beginners to try out the sport of orienteering, maps, for easy, medium or long courses, can be downloaded for free from OD and British Orienteering website or purchased from visitor centres at:

Hartshill Hayes, Nuneaton (NEW, from 3 February)

Ryton Pools Country Park, Bubbenhall

Kingsbury Water Park

Compton Verney, Warwickshire

Coombe Country Park

Pooley Fields Country Park

Jubilee Wood, Warwick

Draycote Water, near Dunchurch

The British Schools Orienteering Association is a valuable resource for schools. The website gives much information about how to introduce the sport, useful teaching programmes, how to map your school, kit to purchase, upcoming championships, etc. Membership is FREE. www.bsoa.org



NB The case for re-introducing Orienteering into the school curriculum for GCSE and A level is under consideration

Other useful contacts: inforschools@octavian-droobers.org
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