

SCHOOL ORIENTEERING NEWS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017

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 www.octavian-droobers.org

Wishing you all a Successful New Term and New Year

We are pleased to welcome several new primary and secondary schools in Warwickshire, Coventry and Banbury areas who have introduced orienteering. We look forward to hearing about their successes.

It is pleasing to note that students, from Myton, Kenilworth, Warriner and King Edward VI Schools are now members of the West Midlands Junior Squad and will be competing in the Junior Inter Regional Championships and Relays being held in the North Downs later this month.



MAJOR SCHOOLS EVENTS

British Schools Score Championships

Saturday 14 October 2017

Rother Valley Country Park, Sheffield

Pupils in Years 5 to 13 can compete in this score competition, finding as many controls, in any order, to score points within the time limit of 45 minutes. See www.bsoa.org British Schools Orienteering Association for entry forms and full details. Deadline is 29 September. There are individual medals as well as school team awards and we hope all pupils will be encouraged and supported to represent their school.

British Schools Orienteering Championships

Sunday 19 November 2017

New Beechenhurst, Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire

This event is for pupils in years 5 – 13 inclusive and schools can enter teams or individuals in year groups in three school categories: Lower, Middle and Upper Secondary. For full details please see www.bsoa.org

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

Why not challenge another school to a match, either on your own grounds or at a country park?

To help pupils, and teachers, prepare for school competitions please encourage them to come along, with families, to

Local events

Saturday 16 September, Warwick University Campus 10-12

*Sunday 17 September, Kingsbury Water Park 10-12noon

*Saturday 7 October, Coombe C.Park 10-12noon

Sunday 8 October, Sutton Coldfield, 10-12noon

Saturday 11 November, Hartshill Hayes, Nuneaton 10-12

- These events are 'Score' events especially staged to help pupils entering the British Schools Score Championships.

Help is available at all events for beginners and improvers. Check website for final details re dates and venues, or contact 01926 632189. NB Ryton Pools Country Park has a permanent O course, maps at visitor centre.

Coaching - for beginners and improvers

Saturday 23 September, Memorial Park, Coventry

Saturday 21 October, Rough Close, Coventry

Saturday 18 November, Itchington Holt, Harbury

All sessions need to be pre-booked, and run from 10.30 – 12noon. Contact coaching@octavian-droobers.org.

WORLD ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019 ESTONIA

Pupils born in the years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, can qualify for the next World Championships. School teams of 5, boys or girls, or individual pupils need to compete regularly at events, take advantage of coaching opportunities, and then do well at British Schools Championships selection races. For more information see www.bsoa.org. [Let's get your pupils and school there.](#)

REWARD SCHEME

To encourage juniors new to the sport Octavian Droobers Orienteering Club have introduced a reward scheme. The Explorer Challenge Award Scheme (ECAS) is based on the number of control points visited on a course. An 'ACORN' Certificate will be awarded for achieving 10, a 'TREE' for 25, etc up to 100 for a 'FOREST' Certificate.

NEW! two new great books 'Cool, Awesome and Educational' teaching orienteering in school's books for 6-12 years and 13-15 years.

Other useful contacts: inforschools@octavian-droobers.org
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