Wild lessons in bushcraft

Pupils were taught basic survival skills during a challenging outdoor experience. A total of 40 girls from Highfield Grammar School rented a number of survival stations, including how to light fires, purify water, cook and build shelters using the natural material available.

Youngsters from Year 7 and 8 are pictured at Highfield Quantity 1 for the first time. They were taught survival techniques and team building.

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As well as showing the girls how to live in the wild, the experience included instruction in immunisation and team building.

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The second phase of their expedition and their teachers were very pleased with the discipline and the team spirit shown by the pupils.”


Cherie Cooper teaching water purifying with left, Abi Light, 14, Gracie McGovern, 14, and Cherie Cooper, 14.

Carrie Hawke teaches Elin Roberts and Harriet Judge, both 12, how to use a catapult.