

Update on Secondary Schools Programme 8 January 2018

Introduction

Since the ending of the original funding for the Ponds Project Education Programme (October 2017) we have been focused on utilising what we have learnt during the programme to aid the development of a secondary schools programme that is integrated into our main schools offer on Hampstead Heath. This will consist of sessions delivered to schools on Hampstead Heath, by the Education Rangers, and educational resources for teachers, presented on a new webpage.

Secondary Sessions

The sessions that we are currently in the process of developing and testing are:

- Fieldwork Skills: Plants (For Key stage 3 students age 11 to 14)
- Fieldwork: Plants (For Key stage 4 and 5 students age 14 to 18)
- Fieldwork Skills: Pond Heath (For Key stage 3 students age 11 to 14)
- Fieldwork: Pond Heath (For Key stage 4 and 5 students age 14 to 18)
- Fire lighting and shelter building session (as yet unnamed) (For Key stage 3 students age 11 to 14)
- Art and Nature session (as yet unnamed) (For Key stage 3 students age 11 to 14)

These will be available for teachers to book and pay for in the same way as Primary schools.

Secondary Resources

We are currently working with the web team to develop a webpage that will present teachers with a menu of activities that can be filtered depending upon their requirements (e.g. by age and subject). We are aiming for this page to go live in March 2018.

The content of this page will include a range of resources that teachers can use, either on Hampstead Heath or in their classrooms, to link students' learning to this amazing open space. Alongside some of the resources will be loan boxes that teachers can pay to borrow, contain equipment to aid activities. We will also advertise the education sessions on this page alongside the resources.

The resources on the webpage will include a series of career link videos, smaller curriculum linked activities like photo scavenger hunts, guidance on conducting fieldwork and engineering activities to be run in their own schools.

The aim of presenting our Secondary Programme in this way is to allow teachers more flexibility. They can their own visits to the Heath from the activities and sessions that we offer.