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TEACHERS SET OFF FOR THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

Two teachers from Ernest Bevin College set off this morning on an ambitious expedition to cycle to the Arctic Circle during the summer holidays. They left the school in Tooting with 15 students and teachers who are accompanying them on the first leg on their journey into Central London.

“As individuals we enjoy a personal challenge and felt that this expedition is something that would stretch us,” said Lisa Baum, a geography teacher at EBC. “We hope our students will follow our expedition online and it will in turn inspire them to explore their horizons.”

“We are also hoping to encourage more students to take up cycling,” said Dale Dappah, deputy head of PE. “It is a great way of keeping fit and also a great way of travelling and getting about.”

Their route takes them along CS8 London’s newest cycle superhighway which opens on 19 July. They will head out of London and cycle the 80 miles to Harwich on their first two days. They catch the ferry to the Hook of Holland and then begin their ride through Holland, Germany, Denmark and Norway. They aim to cross the Arctic Circle in mid-August and continue into a National Park so they can film a glacier before finishing their expedition in the town of Bødo. They will cycle a total distance of about 1600 miles.

Follow their progress via the blog on www.cycle2thecircle.com



Lisa and Dale set off from London on their ambitious 1600 mile trip to the Arctic Circle.

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Lisa has been awarded a travelling fellowship from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust to part-fund the equipment and travelling expenses. She will be filming the expedition to develop teaching resources with Education through Expeditions. (www.educationthroughexpeditions.org)

They are also raising funds for the South London Motor Neurone Trust (70%) and Teenage Cancer Trust (30%) through a Virgin money giving site:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/cycletothecircle>



Mike Chivers, Co-Principal of Ernest Bevin College, wishes Dale Dappah and Lisa Baum well as they set off from the school in Tooting on their 5-week cycling expedition to the Arctic Circle.



Logo designed by Karim Isaac-Shah (15) a student at the college

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