Secret Explorer Quest Notes

An unexpected letter...

Congratulations! You've been invited to join the Hush Hush Academy, a prestigious (and top-secret) explorer school. Your first task as a potential student is to track down the secret location of the school. Inside your letter of invitation is a treasure map and a set of clues. The answers to these clues are scattered across the UK, all linked to topics you'll need to study alongside your Adventurer Training. The academy professors have set these clues so that only those who show the most potential will be able to find the Hush Hush Academy. Only the explorers who track down the school will secure their spot, so pay close attention to the clues and show us your ace adventurer skills. You have until term begins... Good luck!

Ready to start your quest?

We need you on your A-game to solve the clues and eliminate rogue map sites on the Hush Hush Academy Map below. You'll need to explore various locations via Google Streetview in order to spot the information you need. Every sneaky clue you answer will match one of the place names on the map below. Once matched, you should cross that place off. The Hush Hush Academy is not located there. Solve all the clues and you'll be left with just one spot on the map. This must be where the academy is and where the professors are waiting to greet you!



Adventure Details

Your quest requires you to follow the instructions and travel around the UK, solving clues. There's limited time, so you'll have to explore virtually with the help of Google Maps. Match each clue answer to a location on your treasure map and cross it off as you go. WARNING: You need to search hard, so don't give up!

Clue 02

Now, it's time to brush up on your history. Head to St Fagan's National Museum of History. From above, search the grounds until you find Denbigh Cockpit. Drop yourself inside and count how many 'windows' there are. Don't get dizzy here! Your total will lead you to another place with no school to visit.

Follow these instructions to form a word:

Fourth line, fourth letter; Third line, fourth letter; Second line, second letter; First line, fifth letter.

Now, you should have enough to eliminate another place. If you head there, you'll certainly not get a place at the academy!

Clue 06

Time to head to St James's Square, London, where famous mathematician Ada Lovelace once lived.

In the square gardens, look at what's underneath the figure on the horse. The first and last letters of the first word here are initials to a place to remove.

Let's Go

Fact File

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Clue 04

Do you know who Alan

mathematician, logician,

first computer. He also

that's still used today.

Turing is? The best explorers

cryptographer and computer scientist who developed the

basis of the idea for the very

developed an AI test in 1950

Grab your adventure kit and open up Google Maps on your chosen device.

Visit the location specified in each clue box, and then enter street view mode to search for the answer (drag the little orange man, or press and hold on the map on a mobile).

Clue 01

Let's start with a bit of science. Archimedes famously shouted Eureka from his bath, so head to the Eureka museum in Halifax. Search the garden outside for a wooden totem pole. If the bath symbol is E, and the butterfly is A, what is U? Match this to a location on your treasure map and cross it off - no academy there!

Clue 03

Time to head to Hut 8 at Bletchley Park and read more about Alan. Down a corridor with green doors, you'll discover his office. Enter his office and look around to solve this clue. It looks like he was in the middle of cracking another code! Can you work out what it means?

Modern art is our next lesson. Head to The Helix, Falkirk and admire The Kelpies. Facing the same direction as the horses, position yourself to the left of the left head. Gaze left for some words. Five words are smaller than the rest. The second of these smaller words will match a location to cross off your map.

Clue 07

Literature class is last on your list. Land yourself outside Jane Austen's House on Winchester Road. Across the road from her home, who has a cup? Remove the first three letters of her name and the final two, and the remaining letters will lead you straight to your last place to cross off.

Clue 05

This one may be a bit tricky to spot, but you need good navigation skills if you're going to be a top explorer! At the top of Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon), look where Llanberis Path turns into Rhyd Ddu Path. Seek the words Hafod Eryri in stone. There's a four-digit number just below. Now, cross this associated place off.

Success!

Fantastic work, virtual explorers! You should be left with one location on your map where the professors will be waiting to welcome you to the Hush Hush Academy! Submit your answer online for the chance to secure your place:

treasuretrails.co.uk/hush

