



TREKKING AMBITION: Calum Matthews needs to raise £2,000

Sights on the heights

A BOY Scout has high hopes of joining a trek in the Himalayas.

Barnard Castle School pupil Calum Matthews needs to raise more than £2,000 for the trip run by the British School Exploring Society, which runs scientific expeditions to remote and wild places, offering a £1,000 bursary towards the £3,000 cost to each student.

Calum, 15, of Cotherstone, said: "I heard about the expedition through my Scout group when I was 13 and have wanted to take part ever since. I am really looking forward to experiencing a different culture, meeting new people and visiting isolated Tibetan communities."

During the five-week expedition, students will study glaciers, river flows and

evidence of climate changes, passing the results to NASA and the Royal Geographical Society.

Barnard Castle School technology tutor Phil Oakley, who has taken part in Operation Raleigh and World Challenge expeditions, said: "I'm sure this opportunity will have a profound effect on Calum which will stay with him for the rest of his life."

