

Mountaineer's memorable year ends with Pole trip

INTREPID mountaineer and former Torquay Boys' Grammar School pupil Lee Farmer is looking forward to a white Christmas this year.

The 35-year-old is leading a six-week expedition to the South Pole, where temperatures plummet to minus 35 degrees.

Earlier this year, Lee fulfilled a lifelong ambition to scale the heights of the world's tallest mountain.

He battled treacherous freezing winds to triumphantly raise the Devon flag on the peak of Mount

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Everest following his successful ascent of the 29,000ft monster.

Lee's latest challenge will see him guide a group of 12 people on a six-week expedition in Antarctica.

The group will arrive at Punta Arenas in Chile before flying to the Patriot Hills in Antarctica.

Lee will then accompany them to the South Pole on a ski plane.

He said: "For my clients it is a trip of a lifetime and also quite educational as I will not only be looking after them but I'll also be

delivering a series of topical lectures."

Once at the South Pole, the group will visit the Scott Amundsen Scientific Station and the South Pole itself.

This will be Lee's first major expedition since he scaled Mount Everest in May.

He added: "This year has been truly memorable because I've achieved a lifetime ambition to climb Everest.

"In between I've also obtained an MBA in business management and have developed an additional career speaking about my expeditions and taking on new expedition challenges."



■ AMBITION: Lee Farmer