

13th January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer of Year 11 and 12 Students,

KS5 Trip to Madagascar – Summer term break 2018

A trip has been organised to Madagascar for the summer break in July 2018. This is open to students who will be in KS5 at the time. The trip will have a conservation focus linked to the A level Biology and Geography curriculum. Students will be involved in species monitoring, plant and animal research studies and reforestation projects at Parc Villageois, Andasibe. The aim of the trip will be on biodiversity and impact studies in order to conserve the diverse and unique rainforest environment of Madagascar.

The trip will be for 13 nights and 16 days and departs early morning on the Saturday in the summer term break and we will return on the morning of Sunday 2018. This trip is limited to 30 students and the cost of this trip will be £3,200. This includes a contingency for currency and flight cost fluctuations. Should these not materialise students will be given a refund or payments will be reduced. Once the flights are booked, the cost is not refundable.

I appreciate that this is a large sum of money but students will be encouraged to fundraise in order to cover a large portion of the cost; support for fundraising efforts will be given. The cost includes the following:

- Coach transfers from KLS to Heathrow Airport (students will need to be collected from Heathrow upon return)
- Return flights to Madagascar with Air France or like airline
- Travel insurance
- Transfers between airport and accommodation
- 13 nights' accommodation; accommodation is a basic guesthouse with full facilities.
- Daily meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner); varies from meal provided by host family
- Full staff support for various animal and plant research studies
- Guided tours around National Park
- Nightly entertainment (music lessons, quiz nights, movie, cooking classes etc.)
- Boat tour of Madagascar's nearby islands
- Trip to Vakona Reserve's Lemur Island
- Guided tour through Mantadia National Park
- Guided night walk in Mitsinjo Reserve
- Antananarivo city tour (sightseeing, markets, Lemur Park etc.)

Please note, the various activities are subject to change, depending on time of arrival and weather conditions.

Vaccinations and visas are required and will be an additional cost. Tourist visas are paid in cash upon arrival at a cost of €31.00 and a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required. Details on this will be provided nearer the time. If students wish to shop while visiting city markets, additional spending money will be required.



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The accommodation is a basic guesthouse. Rooms are shared, singled-sex, with each student having their own single bed. We will be staying with a local host family where accommodation is guaranteed to be clean, hygienic and comfortable. The host family we will be staying with own a spacious house as well as a larger guest house, therefore we will all be staying together.

Students will not often be unsupervised, as most of the activities and work will be done in groups. However, on times when students are 'loosely' unsupervised, for example when exploring the Lemur Sanctuary or Antananarivo markets, they will need to be responsible and stay in groups of 3 or more.

Students who apply for the trip will have an interview prior to acceptance. Acceptance on the trip is at the discretion of the trip organiser and accompanying staff. We are limited to 30 places.

Students will need to make a firm commitment to attend meetings and must be up to date with their academics as well as having excellent attendance at school. Any student who is accepted and is subsequently disruptive or poorly behaved at school will be removed from the trip at the discretion of Mr Lewis and Ms Millette.

If you would like your child to attend this trip, a deposit of £250 is required by 28 February 2017. The following payment schedule will then be in place:

- 10 April 2017 - £450.00
- 10 June 2017 - £450.00
- 10 September 2017 - £414.00
- 10 November 2017 - £414.00
- 10 February 2018 - £408.00
- 10 April 2018 - £408.00
- 10 May 2018 - £406.00

Payments should be made by the online payment system. Should there be any money left from the contingency at the end of the trip then a refund will be given.

Students will need to have a valid passport with an expiry date of 6 months after travel i.e. January 2019.

Places are not allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis – all applications will be considered equally.

Yours faithfully

Ms. A Millette
Trip Organiser

Kings Langley School – Madagascar Trip

Please return to the Finance Office post box next to Reception by 28th February 2017

Student _____ Tutor Group _____

I give permission for my child to take part in the above visit.

Once the trip details have been confirmed and I have accepted the place for my child, I understand that at that point my deposit is non-refundable. Future payments are non-refundable should my son/daughter be unable to participate in the trip due to circumstances not covered by the insurance policy or removed from the trip as a consequence of very poor behaviour.

I have paid a deposit online of £250.00 and (provided that I accept my child's place on the trip) undertake to pay the balance by the specified dates.

My emergency contact number during and after school hours are:

During school hours _____

After school hours _____

It is essential that you provide accurate medical information about your child, please complete fully on the medical form which will follow.

Signed: _____ Date _____
(Parent/Carer)

YOUR CHILD WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ABOVE VISIT IF YOU HAVE FULLY PAID

Payment Details:

The deposit for the trip is £250.

- Online payment:** Please make staged payment using the school internet payment facility and return the permission slip.
- Please tick if you not happy for any small surplus to go back into school funds.