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Dear Parent

re: Geography Trip to The Azores, 2018

Abingdon School Geography department would like to invite your son to partake in a geography-focused trip to The Azores between Saturday 18 and Saturday 25 August 2018. The trip will focus on a range of geographical concepts and issues such as; tectonic activity (including a trip to a volcano), river and coastal landforms, anthropological changes and tourism as well as a study of a unique ecology. Also included in the trip is a 'Whale and Dolphin Watching' trip, a visit to a pineapple plantation, trips into the islands lava tunnels and some exceptional hiking routes.

This trip is inclusive of all food, accommodation, activities and travel and has been organised through the 'School Travel Consultancy' (website here: <https://www.thestc.co.uk/>). Abingdon has worked with this company on numerous occasions, including trips to Finland and Iceland last year. They are a professional company who have tailored the trip to our needs.

The cost of the trip will be £1500, **non-refundable** deposit of £600 will be required by cheque by Friday 15 December 2017 (the last day of this term), with the completed consent form. The remaining balance will be charged to the Lent term bill, payable at Easter.

Please note that by completing the attached (electronic) consent form, you are committing to the total cost of this trip. The non-refundable deposit secures your son's place, but thereafter the School will proceed to make bookings and reservations to procure the best possible deals. The balance of payment being applied to your school bill is a means of spreading the cost rather than a reflection of when liabilities are incurred.

In the New Year, a representative of STC will be coming to school to present to boys and parents, the finer details of the trip and here you will be able to ask any questions you have about the company and the specifics of the tour they have organised to The Azores.

If your son does partake in this trip, he is to be reminded that normal school rules apply and good behaviour is a necessity.

I hope this outlines the visit and our expectations. I attach a parental consent form for completion and return, due back to me no later than Friday 15 December 2017. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns about the visit.

Yours sincerely

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