



ABINGDON

From Master i/c The Moldova Project: Adam Jenkins

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Dear Parents,

Moldova Project

As you may be aware, the Moldova Project is a long-running charitable initiative at Abingdon School. Since 2003 sixth formers have visited Moldova, the poorest country in Europe, every summer to help support the work of the charity Agape. This letter gives more information about the 2018 trip.

Our provisional plan is to fly out to Moldova on Monday 9th July. There we will stay with Moldovan families and run a summer activity camp for young Moldovan children (aged 7-13) based at a school in the village of Ialoveni in the mornings and then a second activity camp at a school in the nearby village of Zimbreni in the afternoons. We will then accompany another group of Moldovans to the stunning Carpathian Mountains in Romania where we will run a third summer camp, staying in a cabin owned by Agape. The Abingdon group will be responsible for organising all of the activities at these camps – in the past these have included English teaching, art, drama, sport, and film/photography workshops. We will then return to the UK on Thursday 19th July.

The cost of the trip for Abingdon pupils will be in the region of £650-700 (the exact price will be confirmed once flights have been booked). This includes flights and all travel expenses, accommodation and food. If you would like to confirm your son's place on the trip, please could you complete the form attached and return it along with a deposit of £100 (cheques made payable to Abingdon School) by Monday 6th November? – please note numbers are limited and places will be given on a first come, first served basis so a quick response is recommended. I will then request further payments over the course of the next two terms. I am also hoping that all of the boys who sign up for this trip will agree to undertake some fundraising to help pay for the costs of the summer camps for the Moldovan children.

Please note that by completing the consent form you are committing to the total cost of the 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.

This is a tremendous opportunity for your son to do something extremely worthwhile and different. The sixth formers from Abingdon we have taken to Moldova in the past were all very affected by their experiences and felt they gained a great deal. If you would like to find out more about past trips do visit the Moldova section of the school website.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (adam.jenkins@abingdon.org.uk) if you would like any further information at this stage.

Yours sincerely

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TO: A Jenkins, MCR, Abingdon School

I would like my son **(please give name exactly as it appears on your son's passport)** to attend the trip to Moldova in July 2018 and enclose a cheque for £100 as an initial non-refundable deposit.

Signed (Parent/guardian)