



From Geography Department : Amy Atkinson

5 October 2018

Dear Parent,

**re: Geography Trip to Kenya, 2019**

Abingdon School Geography department would like to invite your son to partake in a geography-focused trip to Kenya between Wednesday 14 and Thursday 22 August 2019 (dates are variable by 1-2 days due to flight availability when booking). The trip will focus on a range of geographical concepts and issues such as: tectonic activity, river landforms, anthropological changes and tourism as well as development, conservation and potentially elements of global trade. Also included in the trip is a trip to volcanic craters, lava tunnels, safari/game drives, white water rafting and some exceptional hiking routes.

This trip is inclusive of 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, The Azores and Iceland. They are a professional company who have tailored the trip to our needs. Attached to this letter is all the pre-booking information that you may need, sent by the STC.

The cost of the trip will be £2550, **non-refundable** deposit of £550 will be required through WisePay by Friday 2 November 2018. The schedule of payments thereafter is listed below:

£750 instalment by Friday 14 December 2018  
£750 instalment by Friday 15 February 2019  
£500 balance by Friday 24 May 2019

<https://www.wisepay.co.uk/store/generic/template.asp?ACT=nav&mID=304341&prev=true>

Please note that by completing the WisePay deposit payment and the required details, 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 payments 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 Kenya.

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 2 November 2018. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns about the visit.

Yours sincerely

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