



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 2020 trip.

Our provisional plan is to fly out to Moldova on Monday 6th 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 town of Ialoveni. We will then accompany another group of Moldovans to the stunning Carpathian Mountains in Romania where we will run a second summer camp, staying in a cabin in Lacu Rosu. 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 16th July.

The cost of the trip for Abingdon pupils will be in the region of £750-800 (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, confirming you are happy for a deposit of £150 to be charged to your next school bill, and return it by Monday 18th 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 - mindful of Brexit the school is taking all reasonable measures to limit the potential financial impact of fluctuations in the exchange rate. Nonetheless it is not possible to eliminate all the risk. To be fair to all parties, as a precaution, rather than include extra contingency provisions which may not be required, the School reserves the right to vary the trip price for any unpaid elements of the trip, if at the date of final payment there has been a significant change in the Euro/£ exchange rate but will communicate any increase well in advance.

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, 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 2020 and am happy for the initial non-refundable deposit of £150 to be charged to my end of term bill.

Signed (Parent/guardian)