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Dear Parent,

BZ02 Orlando April 2020

Following the very successful Biology Trip to Orlando Florida in March 2018, we are pleased to announce that this trip will run again in 2020 and be open to pupils currently in Years 7, 8 and 9.

This trip has a packed itinerary full of educational opportunities related to Biology as well as entertainment at world renowned theme parks. Pupils will experience a wide range of activities from exploring the Central Florida Everglades and sampling for marine organisms in the Gulf of Mexico to enjoying the thrills of The Wizarding World of Harry Potter™ at Universal Studios.

We will travel during the first half of the Easter break 2020. Trip dates will be on or around Wednesday 1 April 2020 to Tuesday 7 April 2020.

This has proved a popular trip and places are allocated on a first come first served basis so please register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Pupils that apply after the first 30 will be added to a reserve list. Please note we cannot accept any applications entered before 6pm on the day the letter is issued. Please see section below on the application process.

- Accommodation will be on Universal Boulevard at The Comfort Inn Maingate, Orlando (breakfast and evening meals included)
- Return flights and transfers from Manchester to Orlando and transfers in The USA
- Entry to 2 Disney Resorts, Universal Studios and The Everglades experience.
- All activities listed in the itinerary below
- Travel Insurance

The total cost will be £1890 (with 6 payments spread over 12 months after the deposit) and will include all activities listed on the itinerary overleaf:

Additional expenses

- Transport to and from Manchester Airport
- ESTA processing fee (\$14). Please see below for further details
- Spending money for lunch and drinks during the day

ITINERARY

Boggy Creek airboat ride. A unique experience, pupils will witness the Central Florida Everglades taking an airboat ride through a range of wetland habitats viewing Florida Alligators, turtles, birds and more in their natural environment. Boats are driven by a certified U.S. Coast Guard Captain.

MOTE Aquarium visit. A trip to this aquarium and rescue centre based in beautiful Sarasota Bay to learn about Marine Biology and conservation. The day will include a tour of the aquarium and the opportunity to see Manatees. We will visit the Gulf of Mexico and pupils will sample for marine organisms. This is followed a workshop on Marine CSI - analyzing a mystery skeleton, discovering animal adaptations, biology and osteology along the way.

2 days at Disney:

- **Participation in Educational Programme at Disney's EPCOT Centre.** A theme park with a scientific focus including Future World, which features technological innovations. Lessons will include themes closely linked to the GCSE Biology such as hydroponics and tissue culture and how these are used to help with sustainable production of food.
- **Animal Kingdom.** Pupils encounter exotic animals and exciting adventures at Disney's Animal Kingdom Park, one of the largest animal theme parks in the world. Home to more than 2,000 animals across 300 species and a range of fantastic rides, musical theatre shows and 4D cinema experiences.

Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. A day of fun at this renowned theme park which includes world class rollercoasters, movie sets and characters as well as the magical experience in The Wizarding World of Harry Potter™ - Diagon Alley™ and a trip on the Hogwarts™ Express!

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for this trip please visit the **Parents'** section of the school website www.agsb.co.uk and complete the online '**Residential Trip Consent Form' for BZ02 Orlando April 2020.**
Please express your interest by Friday 5 October.

*Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis so please register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. **Please note we cannot accept any applications entered before 6pm on the day the letter is issued.***

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Once all the applications have been processed and your son's place confirmed you will be asked to pay an immediate deposit payment of £200 via ParentPay by Monday 15 October. *The deposit will be non-refundable.*

The remainder of the costs (£1690) will be spread over the next 12 months with 6 scheduled payments as follows:

February 1 2019- £350

April 1 2019- 320

June 1 2019- £320

September 1 2019- £320

October 1 2019- £200

November 1 2019- £180

Additional Information

Please read our new terms and conditions sheet attached which contains **important information** regarding medical, passports, EHIC etc.

ESTA Requirements

It is now a mandatory requirement when travelling to the USA to register for Electronic Travel Authority and receive travel authorisation via ESTA prior to travel. Please visit <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/01/251577.htm>

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Blaize or Mrs Ward in the Biology Department.

Yours sincerely

Ms Blaize and Mrs Ward

