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Dear parents,

I have now successfully booked the Advanced Level Geology trip to Cyprus which you all kindly agreed to subsidise. Full details regarding flights, accommodation etc. is contained on the attached sheet.

The cost for this trip will be £550 and will include all flights, accommodation, in-Cyprus transport, insurance and all additional supplements. You should now have already paid £450. Please note that a further payment of £100 is required by 12/11/18. Payments should be made through ParentPay.

The hotel where we will be residing has 10 villas (we will be occupying 5 of them) and each villa has an outdoor unheated swimming pool and hot tub.

To conform with the school policy on swimming, your son will not be able to use the outdoor swimming pool as it is not possible for a member of staff to supervise your son swimming. However, if you are happy for your son to independently use the hot tub when it will not be possible for a member of staff to supervise your son, please confirm this by signing the attached slip.

Please also note that in line with school policy, your son cannot engage in sea swimming. Additionally, consumption of alcohol on the trip will not be allowed at **any time**, except in moderation when dining out with staff.

Yours sincerely,
Dr Kevin Stephen

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Advanced Level Geology trip to Cyprus

I acknowledge receipt of the letter detailing the logistics of the Cyprus trip in March 2019.

Parent signature.....

I am happy for my son to use the villa's hot tub without staff supervision.

Parent signature.....

I am happy for my son to have unsupervised free time in the evenings where he will be

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required to act maturely and sensibly. My son is aware that he will need to stay in a group of at least three and he will need to be punctual in returning to the hotel/ minibus. My son is aware that no consumption of alcohol will be tolerated except in moderation when dining out with staff.

Parent signature.....

Pupil signature.....

PUPIL NAME.....

CYPRUS FIELD TRIP: SUN 10th MARCH TO FRI 15th MARCH 2019

Here are some important details about the Cyprus trip for the seventeen students and three staff members attending (Dr Stephen, Mrs Eastwell and Mrs Keall).

Objectives

Gain practical field experience of the A level specification material thus meeting WJEC requirements for number of days to be spent on fieldwork. Complete a number of Specified Practical tasks thus enabling A level Geology Practical Certification

Departure

We depart Sunday 10th March from Terminal 1 at Manchester Airport for Paphos at 0700 on flight EZY1973. Please be at the airport at 0500. I will meet all students at the appropriate gate number at this time. The flight is operated by Easyjet. We arrive in Cyprus at 1345 local time (Cyprus is two hours ahead of the UK) and we will transfer to the hotel by hired car. Three hired 4X4 vehicles will be used to transport us on the island throughout the week. Please note that we have no meals on the plane.

Return

We return Friday 9th March from Paphos to Manchester Airport Terminal 1. The flight (EZY1976) leaves Paphos at 2110 and arrives in Manchester at 0020 on the Saturday morning. All students should have their own arrangements for being picked up.

Baggage allowance

One bag or rucksack for checking in with a maximum weight (sorry, mass!) of 20kg is allowed. Hand luggage with a maximum mass of 5kg is allowed, size 55x40x20cm. Please note that a small bag or rucksack for checking in is very advisable as students will have to have the bag on them in the cramped car when travelling to and from the airport. There are restrictions regarding what can be carried as hand luggage, especially with regard to fluids- please check online.

Travel Insurance

All students have travel insurance for the duration of the trip which is organised by the school. However, your son must also be in possession of a European Health Insurance Card- a copy of which must be given to Dr Stephen.

Behaviour

This promises to be an excellent trip, both geologically and culturally. I will attempt to treat all students with the respect they deserve and independent recreation in the evenings will form part of this. There will, however, be a curfew and alcohol consumption will not be tolerated (except in moderation when dining with staff). I have every confidence in your son upholding the good name of the school.

Weather

This is likely to be variable. We may encounter snow and freezing conditions in the Troodos Mountains and blazing sun in the coastal regions. However, average day temperatures are likely to be around 18°C, and 10°C at night. It is possible that we will encounter rain and thunderstorms. Be prepared with clothing (see below), a hat, sunglasses and sun block could be invaluable.

Field equipment

Basic geological equipment (hardhats etc.) will be provided by the school and should be packed in your son's bag or rucksack for checking in. The same field clothing requirements that were stipulated for the Vale of Eden trip remain- waterproof trousers and jacket, sturdy boots, warm clothes. I find it convenient to use a small rucksack for carrying field equipment- this I take as hand luggage on the plane.

Money

Cash machines accept UK cards and are widely available in Cyprus. Your son will obviously need some Euros, but how much extra he will need depends upon him! I suggest about £100 should be more than suitable.

Accommodation

We are booked into the Azzurro Luxury Holiday Villas, 25 White River Avenue, Pegeia, Paphos, 8560 (tel: +35726622932) for five nights. If your son has an international mobile phone, this may be the best and cheapest means of communicating. A safety deposit box will be available.

Food

Students will be able to buy food from local shops for lunch and breakfast each day. We will not be near anywhere where food or drink can be purchased at lunchtime so organisation is key. If the weather is sunny, lots of water will be essential. Cyprus tap water is potable. On some evenings, students will use the villa's cooking facilities to make joint meals and on other occasions the staff will walk the students to nearby restaurants.

Fieldwork

We will be away from the hotel from 0830 until about 1800 each day we are working. The sites will be various but include coastal areas and non-working quarries. Lunch and other breaks will be of variable duration depending on the day's itinerary. And finally...

No smoking during 'school time'.

Music only played in the car if the band has a human drummer

