



Dear Parent/Carer

Proposed Year 10 Uganda Trip

I am writing to make you aware of **Lander 4 Uganda 2024** which is our flagship foreign visit and an exciting opportunity open to current year 9 students that will be running in **July 2024**. For the past ten years, the school and its community have worked hard to raise money for development projects in our partner schools in Uganda. This fundraising culminates in the African adventure of a lifetime where for around 3 weeks we work in our partner schools, before heading off on a three-day Safari.

Students taking part in the trip will experience African culture first hand and engage in community based development projects in and around our sister schools. These are the Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation Schools in Kamuzinda and Bunjakko, plus several schools in the town of Bukomansimbi including: HOY's College secondary school, Kidsgear primary school and St Jude's primary school which has average class sizes of 90 pupils. We will also visit Lowero primary school, located 2 hours' drive north of the capital city, Kampala. The majority of our time will be spent around the town of Masaka, about 4 hours' drive west from the capital, Kampala.

How will students spend their time?

Most of the children who attend our partner schools are not able to pay school fees, having lost one or both of their parents or have parents/extended family who are unable to pay for schooling. As a result, many students live on site and are cared for by staff at the schools. Our students participate in building and decorating projects to help improve the conditions in which students live and learn, and they also teach students at each school and support the local community with charity work.

The trip will give our students the chance to live alongside children in our sister schools and to share something of their experience of day to day life. They will spend time with them in the evenings; singing, dancing and playing games. Our students have, in the past, really valued this time and often built lasting friendships with Ugandan students.

As well as working hard in these projects, students will have time to spend in the Presidential city of Entebbe, visit a monkey sanctuary, experience local markets and enjoy a variety of local, traditional food, before spending the last four days of the trip at Queen Elizabeth or Murchison Falls National Park. Here they will go on three safari tours and enjoy a little well deserved relaxation. This latter part of the trip usually involves seeing elephants, giraffes, hippos and often even lions and is a highlight for many.

The Details

The cost of the trip will be in the region of £2,500. (This cost may fluctuate dependent on flight costs, either upwards or downwards.) Any over estimation of costs will be returned to parents after the trip. The cost represents an assessment of the cost of travel and living expenses for students and will cover all

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essentials over the course of the trip. We appreciate that this is an expensive, once in a lifetime trip and would stress that in previous years, students have used fundraising to finance all or part of the cost of their trip, so it is hopefully not out of reach for any family. **For the last three years (pre-Covid) the trip has been about 28 days long so we believe it represents excellent value for money, given the amazing experience students will have.**

The cost of the trip is spread out over several instalments; these are detailed below.

Proposed Payment plan (paid through ParentPay):

- 1. Non-refundable deposit to be paid by February 1st 2023: £200**
2. 1st March 2023: £200
3. 1st April 2023: £200
4. 1st May 2023: £200
5. 1st June 2023: £200
6. 1st July 2023: £200
7. 1st August 2023: £200
8. 1st September 2023: £200
9. 1st October 2023: £200
10. 1st November 2023: £200
11. 1st January 2024: £200
12. 1st February 2024: £200
13. 1st March 2024: £200

There is also an expectation that all students involved in the trip will participate in some or all of the fund raising events organised by the school for the Lander 4 Uganda project. The money that we raise during the year is vital in supporting the projects we undertake as well as fostering a Lander 4 Uganda team ethic.

The trip is likely to leave at the end of June 2024 and return just after end of term (around the 27th July). These dates may be subject to a small amount of change as each year we search for the best deal on flights. We also ask parents not to make arrangements immediately around these dates in case of delayed return.

Please note the trip cost does not include the cost of injections, malaria tablets etc. which can add an additional £80-£200 on to the cost depending on which are chosen and where they are purchased.

Yours sincerely,



Steve Mulcahy
Headteacher