



18th December 2018

Dear Parents/carers,

Morocco 2019 – Key information (7 months to go)

I have drawn together further information around the key dates for the upcoming events and also to give you confirmed dates around our trip in July. I want to congratulate and thank students and parents again on how hard they you are all working to raise the necessary funds needed. I know quite a lot of students are nearing finishing raising the funds, which is great. We have about 4 months until the full amount needs to be paid and we roll into departure formalities.

Key dates and information:

1) Thursday 20th December 2018 – Santa Sleigh (Poppleton)

Rotary club of York are doing the rounds in Poppleton with their Santa sleigh and we have been asked to join the Rotarians and help them collect money as families come out of their homes to see Santa. The funds collected on the evening will go in our Morocco central funds. **Those who volunteered to help, meet at school for 4.45pm please so we can leave by minibus.**

We are meeting the rotary at - Poppleton Park, Kyle Way YO26 6RH for 5.15pm for a 5.30pm prompt start. Please wear warm clothes, wellingtons or walking boots, gloves, hat and scarf. We will be back to school for about 7.30pm.

2) Wednesday 23rd January 2019 - Meet the Expedition Leader (G23 – Mr Rampling classroom) 3.30pm -

4.00pm - Teachers and leaders – Discuss the meeting, plans for the evening etc.,

4.00pm-5.00pm - Students, teachers and leaders – Ice breaker games, get to know the leader, discuss the team's aims etc

Break (30 mins)

5.30pm-7.30pm - Parents, students, teachers and leaders – Leader presentation, itinerary presentation, outlook support information, kit presentation, details on next steps.

3) Food tasting evening (Moroccan Restaurant In York) - Wednesday 6th Feb 2019

More information to follow.

4) Morocco Training Weekend – Friday 15th (evening) – Sunday 17th March 2019.

This weekend will be run by Outlook Expeditions in the Peak District. Mr Rampling will drive students and staff to and from the activity centre. We will leave after school on the Friday and head back on Sunday afternoon/evening. As yet, Outlook hasn't released any specific detailed information on the weekend, but more details are to follow as we approach the event.

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This weekend is compulsory for all students to attend and I have attached some general information on it in the attached pages. <https://www.outlookexpeditions.com/expedition-training>

5) Bag packing – Tesco Extra (York), 23rd March 2019 (10am – 2pm).

This event is the same as last time, meet at the front of Tesco at 9.45am in full uniform. Collection tins and Morocco board will be given to students as we arrive. Coats can be left in the minibus. At 2pm we will pack things away and money will be distributed to students on the Monday back at school

6) Morocco 2019 itinerary and departure info:

Wed 17-Jul Depart UK 17.15	Arrive Marrakech 21.05
Thu 18-Jul	Orientation & travel to Ouarzazate
Fri 19-Jul	Avon Academy
Sat 20-Jul	Avon Academy
Sun 21-Jul	Avon Academy
Mon 22-Jul	Avon Academy
Tue 23-Jul	Avon Academy
Wed 24-Jul	Travel to Cascade D'Ouzoud
Thu 25-Jul	Cascade D'Ouzoud & travel to Toubkal National Park
Fri 26-Jul	Toubkal Ascent
Sat 27-Jul	Toubkal Ascent
Sun 28-Jul	Toubkal Ascent
Mon 29-Jul	Toubkal Ascent
Tue 30-Jul	Travel to Marrakech & Marrakech
Wed 31-Jul	Depart Marrakech 21.45
Thu 01-Aug	Arrive UK 01.30

Flights

17-Jul-19 MAN - RAK 1715/2105 U21891

31-Jul-19 RAK - MAN 2145/0130 U21892

In summary:

On Wednesday 23rd January, the expedition leader will be with us running the evening and this will be a good opportunity for you to ask further questions about the trip.

Fundraising will continue in to the New Year for many, but well done to those who have now raised the full £1800!! The payments are creeping up for April to be fully paid so I believe. Any problems with this please consult me or Outlook as soon as possible so a contingency can be put in place.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate contact me at school by email m.rampling@valeofyorkacademy.org or school phone (01904 560000). Keep up the hard work, this exciting journey is getting a lot closer!

Yours sincerely



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