



November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Morocco 2024 – Y9 and Y10 students

Expedition Reference Number (ERN): 2024AXQ01T1

Your son/daughter has been offered the opportunity to take part in something amazing – a school expedition to Morocco in the summer of 2024. This will take place with school staff but run through Outlook Expeditions who are the leading independent provider of youth expeditions.

Taking part in an expedition is so much more than a school trip. This is a journey that will stay with your child forever. Eye-opening, challenging and truly life changing; students experience different cultures and environments whilst developing an array of life skills. This could be a chance for your son/daughter to learn a new culture, support a community project of those in need, learn a new language, make new friends and naturally, have endless stories and experiences to talk about.

Universities and employers are increasingly looking for evidence of personal and social skills. Expeditions take young people out of their comfort zone and expand horizons whilst boosting independence, confidence, teamwork and many other qualities that have a lasting impact on the lives (and CV's) of each participant.

I will be leading the staff team to Morocco and will be working with the students over the 18 months to help them raise the funds needed. Outlook Expeditions will lead the venture in Morocco and guide us to ensure we have the best possible time. There will be trekking in the Atlas Mountains, a community project, time for relaxation, and maybe time to ride a camel! The success of our 2019 trip makes this launch even more exciting!

Outlook Expeditions and I will be holding a webinar for parents and pupils to find out more about this expedition. This will take place on Thursday 17 November 2022 at 7pm for around 45 minutes. For more information about the company and to register your attendance, please visit https://outlookexpeditions.com/schools/vale-of-york-academy-2024

You will be sent a link for the webinar to join us on the evening once you have registered.

This link is also the place to see the following resources about the expedition and are available to download from this link:

- Videos (What is an Expedition/Life on Expedition/The Build-up Programme)
- Destination presentation
- Destination guide _
- Sample itinerary and payment plan
- Link for students to sign up to the webinar _
- Pay Your Way information
- **Outlook Brochure**

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I would be delighted if **you and your son/daughter** could join us. This is your chance to find out more about the adventure planned and ask any questions. The evening is for your information to help decide if joining the expedition is right for your child. There is no obligation at all associated with attending the information evening.

Attached to this letter is information about the cost, payment plans and a sample itinerary of what we will do while in Morocco. There will be 20 places to join this team based on a first come first served basis.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate contact me at school by email on <u>m.rampling@voy.hslt.academy</u> or by phoning 01904 560000.

Yours sincerely,

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