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Dear Parents/Carers,

Morocco 2024 – An exciting journey ahead!

I am pleased to say that your son/daughter has made it onto the expedition team going to Morocco in 2024!

I am really excited and motivated to see the number of students signed up to the expedition. Not only will this be a fantastic experience for the 2 weeks we are in Morocco but the build up to our trip will bring us huge excitement.

We have confirmed a team of 20 students and 3 staff. Anyone outside of the first 20 will be on the reserve list and should anyone drop out then we will fill these spaces. The 4 members of staff travelling with the team will be Mrs Mapplebeck, Mr Martin, Miss Crisp and myself.

I appreciate it is a huge task to raise £2145.00 and to have paid the deposit in a short period of time, however I have seen many of our students over the past few weeks planning ideas and earning money already. Well done to those who raised funds at last week's Christmas fair and thanks to everyone for their support on Santa's sleigh!

Please can I remind students and parents; we are only in the first 2 weeks of fundraising and we do have 18 months to raise the funds. It has been great to see student's enthusiasm to want to fundraise, but please can I ask a few things...

- Ensure students are safe with their fundraising; no personal numbers of students should be given to anybody unless known as family or friends. No students should be left alone to complete jobs/raise money with others they do not know well. No students should do anything they have not had their parents check is safe. If you have any concerns please check with myself.
- Students are realistic with their expectations and plan events with time to coordinate booking of the event and confirmation, advertisement, preparation and then delivery time.
- Students run all "in school" activities via myself so that I can keep a record of them and ensure they are safe and effective to run. I will also often need to seek approval on some things.
- Students don't allow their studying to suffer as effect of their fundraising.

As I said during the presentation evening, myself and the staff at the Academy are keen to support our students to raise some of the money through the Academy, but we have to look at a fair and uniformed approach for the students and to ensure the smooth running of the main purpose of the Academy in educating students.

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We will look to support with a large fundraising event each term that can be run by the students who are going on the expedition. This could be a large cake/sweet sale on the last Friday of half term and all the students sell different products from different stalls, it could be a race night, a large disco or film night for the students to attend or car washing all the staff cars. How we go about deciding on these large events will come from the meetings I have with students every few weeks. On deciding what we would like to do each half term, this gives students and staff time to organise the things needed for the event.

In addition to these large events, and events pupils do outside of school, students can come in to school and sell staff and students raffle tickets, 100 squares etc. during break and lunchtimes. These events are to be held away from the Academy site. To do this, please can you ensure the students wishing to do this speak to myself beforehand so I can keep a record of this and ensure that all organisational procedures have been followed.

Expectations of behaviour in the Academy

I spoke with Mr Eastaugh around expectations of students within the Academy. This is very important as we cannot take students if their behaviour is not satisfactory. For those students who may not have had good behaviour then this is the chance to start with a clean slate.

Students will not be allowed to go on the expedition if ...

- They are excluded twice between now and the expedition
- They are put in seclusion regularly between now and the expedition
- They give concern to students and staff who are going on the expedition

If students have to be removed from the trip then we will not be able to give back any money that they have fundraised. Students will not receive any money that has been paid to Outlook Expeditions and any other fundraising money will be given to the Academy and the reserve student will take their place.

I hope you appreciate we want this opportunity to bring the students something incredible and we are now working hard behind the scenes to develop the things needed to support the students. After Christmas we will sit down with Outlook on a planning itinerary session to start to develop the plan of what we want to do in Morocco.

If you have any further queries, or just wish to know more, please do not hesitate contact me at school by email m.rampling@voy.hslt.academy or school phone (01904 560000).

Yours faithfully



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