

Dear Parent/ Guardian

As part of the charity work in the school, we have developed a partnership with the **Goedgedacht Trust** based in **South Africa**, which aims to help underprivileged youngsters in rural areas.

In 2007 the school undertook a visit to the trust to help with the work there and to build on the partnership between our institutions. Following the success of the previous visit, the school is planning to revisit the trust in July 2009.

The visit takes place over fourteen days from Friday 17th July to Wednesday 29th July. The first week will be spent at the Goedgedacht Trust (www.goedgedachttrust.org.za) and the second week in the Western Cape undertaking a variety of tourist excursions.

The cost of the visit will be **£1520**. *This price is subject to change as not all suppliers who the tour operator deal with can provide guaranteed costs for any tours departing after the 1st October 2008.*

This price includes:

- Flights to Cape Town.
- Comprehensive Insurance, including medical emergency staff.
- Transport by luxury coach.
- Accommodation
 - o **One** night at the *Protea Breakwater Lodge* in *Cape Town*, bed and breakfast.
 - o **Six** nights at the Goedgedacht Farm Trust, full board.
 - o **Two** nights hotel accommodation in *Hermanus*, bed and breakfast.
- Visit To Aquila Private Game Reserve: to include the following:
 - o **One** night's chalet accommodation, half-board basis.
 - o Two game drives.
 - o Services of a local qualified guide, with transportation included.
- Excursions to Robben Island, Table Mountain and Langa Township.
- Tour Bag.

Each individual student will need to fund raise a minimum of £520 towards the cost of the trip. The aim of this is to continue to raise the profile of the charity in the local community and ensure that only committed students attend.

This trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our students and as a result we are keen that the students who go are committed to the trust and to promoting its work in the school. To this end students who wish to take part in the South Africa visit will need to provide a letter of application addressed to the head teacher Mrs Evans, explaining:

- Why they should go on the trip to South Africa?
- What qualities they would bring to the group?
- How they are planning to fundraise?
- And what they are willing to do when they return from the visit to help promote the trust.

As well as a letter of application, students who are wishing to apply will need to complete the permission slip below and return it with the **£250** to cover the initial deposit of the trip. Although this is a non-refundable deposit, those students who are unsuccessful in their application will have this payment returned to them.

Students who are successful but drop out of the trip within ten weeks prior of departure will be liable for the balance of monies due.

The closing date for applications will be **MONDAY 17TH MARCH**.

I hope that we can continue to build on the success of last years visit and the partnership that has developed between the school and the trust.

Yours truly,

David Griffiths
(Head of Geography and Trip Leader)

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PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the proposed visit to the **Goedgedacht Trust** based in **South Africa** in **July 2009**.

I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £250 and understand that if I cancel within ten weeks prior of departure I will be liable for the balance of monies due.

Signed (Parent/Guardian)

Print NameDate