



Wales HIGH SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER: MR. G. DI'IASIO

MPG/KE

December 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Wales-Makunduchi Partnership - Zanzibar 2020

As I am sure you are now aware, your son/daughter has successfully been selected to participate in Wales High School's cultural exchange to **Zanzibar** in **July 2020**. We are currently in the process of booking flights for our trip and will be able to confirm dates for the venture very soon. Once these are confirmed I will be able to provide you with the exact details, dates and times of our venture to Tanzania. At this time we expect the dates of our visit to be between the **3rd and 18th July 2020**.

Wales High School began ventures to Africa in 2014, firstly to Ghana and then subsequently to Zanzibar in 2016 and 2018. The venture is a unique and exciting opportunity for our students and we are pleased to be able to offer such an experience to our sixth form students. Your child's application was very thorough and articulate and they should be justly proud of earning their place on this venture. The application process involved each application being anonymised, considered by a group of impartial members of staff and then places allocated on merit. We were particularly impressed with the applications of the final group of students and are very pleased to accompany a group of mature and conscientious students on this exciting visit.

We now have an established link with our partner school - Makunduchi Secondary School - and are pleased that our next venture will be a true reciprocal exchange with students from Zanzibar visiting Wales in the autumn term of 2020. This means that students are expected to host between one and two students from Zanzibar for approximately 5 days during the autumn term.

Trip Details

At this point I thought it would be appropriate to share with parent/carers the costs involved in the venture and what is included in the price. The trip includes:

- return indirect flights from London Heathrow/Manchester to Zanzibar Town
- all transfers and travel
- drinking water
- Tanzanian visa
- 14 nights' accommodation (approx.) including three nights in hotels or guest houses (approx.)
- community projects and organised project work
- three meals per day (students will be expected to pay for 3 meals when we eat in local restaurants)
- cultural activities
- North Coast weekend adventure
- insurance (to be confirmed – this may be cheaper to purchase separately).

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The trip will cost approximately £1200 in total. Students need to budget separately for any medical expenses – e.g. injections and malaria treatment. Although the overall cost of this venture is expensive, it is envisaged that students will raise a significant amount of money from fundraising activities. **We therefore ask for a parental contribution of £950 towards the cost of the venture.** Collectively students will raise the remaining funds through planned fundraising activities throughout the year. Students must contribute at least 20 hours of fundraising to be able to secure their place on the trip. From past experience, we are optimistic that we will raise our target to keep costs as low as possible. Our fundraising includes the funding of the return leg of the exchange for Makunduchi students and staff. If we raise enough money from fundraising it may be possible to refund part of the initial £950 payment.

Initially we will collect a **£150 non-refundable deposit** to be paid online or by cash. (Cash payments must be sent in a sealed envelope with students name, tutor group and Zanzibar 2020 written clearly on the front) which needs to be handed to the Finance Office by **Friday, 10th January 2020**. Unfortunately we will not be able to return this deposit, unless there are exceptional circumstances. The full cost of trip can be paid in instalments before we set off on the venture and the deadlines for payment are as follows:

- February £270
- April £265
- June £265

The school will be holding a number of fundraising events, which students must contribute to, in order to generate funds for their trip. This is in addition to individual events they may wish to hold outside of school. Such events will help to offset some of the trip costs. Mr Radford will coordinate the fundraising effort and is your point of contact for any ideas you may have. You can contact Mr. Radford using the following e-mail address: nr@waleshigh.com

If you foresee any problems with the payment plan above, or you are not able to meet the first deadline please let me know as we can arrange alternative payment plans on an individual basis. **All payments should be made to 'Wales High School Academy Trust' and be placed in a sealed envelope with your son/daughter's name, tutor group and 'Zanzibar 2020 Personal Payment' clearly displayed on the front.** You are also able to make payments online at www.scopay.com/waleshigh.

Next Steps

We would like to invite students and their parent/carer to a **Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 15th January at 6pm** for more information about the venture. Please confirm your attendance on the reply slip below.

We also attach a final permission slip confirming that your child can participate in this venture and any planned fundraising activities which will take place outside of school hours. Please also record any medical conditions we should be made aware of in the space below. If there are specific medical conditions that may limit students' opportunity to participate in the venture I will contact you directly. This reply slip should be returned to me and deposits paid to the finance office.

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There will of course be further parents' information evenings throughout the year and I will be in contact with you regularly via letter. If you need any more information, at any point, please do not hesitate to contact me on the following e-mail address: mpg@waleshigh.com.

Yours sincerely

Michael Payton-Greene
Trip Leader

ZANZIBAR 2020 PERMISSION SLIP

I give my permission for _____ TG: _____ to participate in the Zanzibar venture 2020 and any fundraising and associated activities outside of school hours. I also enclose £150 deposit in cash *or* I have paid on line * (*Please tick as appropriate*) and understand that this is non-refundable. (*NB: Cash payments must be sent in a sealed envelope with students name, tutor group and Zanzibar 2020 written clearly on the front*)

I confirm we will/will not* (**please delete as appropriate*) be able to attend the Parent Information Evening on Wednesday, 15th January 2020.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

Advance notice of any medical needs:

PLEASE RETURN TO THE FINANCE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, 10TH JANUARY 2020