



Dear Parent/Carer,

Following on from the success of our World Challenge Trip this summer to Eswatini and Kruger in Southern Africa, we are now in the early stages of organising a 2028 World Challenge Trip; this time to Sri Lanka! I am writing to inform you that towards the end of this term, there will be an assembly delivered to all students in Year 8 through to Year 11 by a member of World Challenge to launch this trip.

Here at FSG we understand the power of trips and the role they can play in student development. We offer a wide variety of trips across a range of categories: local day trips, residential trips, adventure trips, cultural trips, curriculum trips etc. to provide all our students with an opportunity to attend a trip throughout their time with us. In fact, we typically run over 140 trips a year and almost **every student** currently attends at least one trip **every year**! Not all trips cost money but, of course, many do and so we also have overnight camps on the school site and facilities such mountain biking, climbing wall, archery etc on site too and these are all offered free of charge. "Disadvantaged" students are also supported with costs for opportunities such as CCF or Duke of Edinburgh so that money need not be a barrier to these stand out activities.

With the World Challenge trip, there is undoubtedly a very significant cost. They are to far flung destinations and offer a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity. As with all our trips, we try to keep the cost as low as possible where we can, however we do appreciate that the World Challenge trip remains a very costly one. For some families they offer the chance to offer children an opportunity that is just out of reach for the whole family. For some families though it could feel just completely out of reach altogether. Taking that into consideration, we have a long lead-in time between the trip launch and departure to make payments more manageable for those who are interested in attending. So, over two years to save up! It is also worth noting that students can self-fund these trips! One of our student travellers to Africa in fact raised some £4000 of her own through sponsored events, boot sales, tea parties; she even did a sponsored bungee jump! Others took on a part time job etc. Christmas and birthday gifts went into savings, no new mobile phone etc. All efforts went in to getting to Africa! So, it can be accessible for all if the will is there!

World Challenge provide transformative school expeditions that empower students, enrich communities and create lasting global impact; they place a huge emphasis on student involvement and student development. They initially launch the trip to students by delivering an assembly in school and then arrange a parent/carers meeting via Zoom, for those interested at a later date. Through these events, they will provide a range of information such as itinerary details, community projects, enrichment activities, training, fundraising and much more.

At this stage we would just like to inform you of the assembly that will be delivered to the students later this term.

Kind regards,
Miss Curtis