

RPK/TDY

November 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Malawi Trip 2017

I am now writing to parents of students who have been selected for a place on the Malawi Residential Education visit in July/August 2017 (dates to be confirmed). This trip will provide students with a unique opportunity to directly contribute to the long-term education of Malawian primary school children and gain hands on experience of a very different culture.

As you are aware, the purpose of this visit is to get involved with charity work. Our role is twofold: Firstly, we commit to underwrite the cost of renovating a Medical Centre and secondly we then carry out the physical work of decorating the renovated buildings during our stay. Capital to purchase the necessary materials (which includes the cost of constructing/renovating buildings) is sent in advance to ensure that any building/structural repair work is complete before we arrive. This fundraising is the students' responsibility and, therefore, this is the money that we need to raise over the next few months.

We are asking for each student on this programme to commit to raising an individual sum of **£300** for the materials fund, to be paid by June 2017. As a group we will be organising activities collectively to help with this fundraising. There will be weekly meetings to co-ordinate these activities on Tuesday lunchtimes which your son/daughter will be expected to attend on a regular basis.

In addition to the fundraising, the cost of the visit is **going to be in the region of £2400 (to be confirmed)**, which includes flights, visas, accommodation, meals, transport and the safari trip. However, please be aware that you will have additional costs to bear, for example some of the necessary vaccinations and anti malaria prescriptions. Advice and information on which are required can be obtained from your family GP.

To spread the cost of payment for the trip, I would suggest the following payment schedule:

December 2016	Initial Deposit	£500 (by Friday 16th December 2016)
January 2017		£ 320
February 2017		£ 320
March 2017		£ 320
April 2017		£ 320
May 2017		£ 320
June 2017	Final payment	<u>£ 300</u>
Total		£2400

Once your initial deposit has been made (cheques payable to Northampton School *for Boys*) you will be able to make any further payments via Parent Pay. **It is important to note that any payments made from February 2017 onwards cannot be refunded in the event of anyone withdrawing from the programme. This is due to the non-returnable deposit required to secure flights, visas, accommodation and transport for the duration of our stay in Malawi.**

This will be our tenth year of carrying out the Malawi Education programme and previous students have gained enormously from the whole experience. I am sure that the trip will prove to be an equally memorable and valuable project to have been a part of.

As part of the preparation, you are invited to an information evening for the 2017 Malawi trip. The meeting will take place from **6.30pm-7.30pm on Wednesday 30th November 2016** in the Yvonne Edwards Centre (the 6th Form Pod) in the main building. Please enter via the Main School entrance.

The evening will be an opportunity to receive information about the trip and for you to ask any questions you may have and will last no more than one hour.

I hope that you can make it and I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours faithfully



Mr R Parker
Trip Leader

Reply Slip to Mr R Parker (C28)

I/We* confirm that (Name):_____ (Form):_____ is interested in the Malawi Trip 2017 and I/We* will/will not* be attending the parents' meeting on **Wednesday 30th November from 6.30pm – 7.30pm** in the 6th Form Pod.

I/We* note the deposit for this trip is **£500** and agree to pay this by **16th December 2016** to secure a place on the trip.

Signed:_____ Parent/Guardian

Deposit cheques payable to Northampton School for Boys, with student Name, Form and 'Malawi 2017' written on the back please.

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