

6 December 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

China Exchange Trip – Easter 2021

As you may be aware we have an established link with a school in Ningbo, China. As part of this link, we have hosted some pupils from our partnership school and we have taken 10 pupils from our school to visit in April this year. We would now like to propose our second visit to China, which will take place around Easter 2021 (dates to be confirmed). This is open to all current years (7-12).

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, which will open the students eyes to a very different culture and the opportunities that knowledge and experience of this country can offer. They will also hopefully form friendships with peers in China for life. During our visit last year pupils enjoyed sightseeing in Shanghai and Ningbo as well as visiting our sister school, visiting classrooms, making new friends and catching up with friends made from the previous exchange. The programme is Government-backed by the Chinese Ministry of Education, so it is officially authorised and secure for children to travel to China.

The company that organised our Sister School Partnership is very experienced and runs this programme successfully for schools all over the country. They will also be organising the student trips. True Education Partnerships have a website (trueeducationpartnerships.com) and social media channels that have lots of photos and videos showing the sort of experiences that are available when in the programme and on a trip.

We are launching this trip now to enable suitable preparation time and to get the best deal that we can on the itinerary as well as being able to spread the cost of the trip. The cost will be dependent on numbers going and the actual date of departure, but it is likely to be in the region of £1600-£2000, which covers all transport, visas, accommodation, food and excursions. The trip will be for around 10 nights.

Your child has expressed an interest in this trip and we'd like to invite you to a presentation on Thursday 16 January 2020 at 6.00pm that will give you more information and answer any questions that you may have. A representative of the company organising this trip will also be present as well as some of the pupils who went on the exchange in April 2019.

Please complete the attached reply slip and return to the school office by Monday 13 January to confirm if you are able to attend or not.

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Yours faithfully

Mrs J Douglas Lead teacher of science/ China Coordinator

Please complete and return to the school office by Monday 13 January 2020

China Exchange Trip – April 2021

Student Name:______ Tutor group: _____

- \square I would like to attend the presentation on the proposed trip to China on Thursday 16 January
- \Box I am unable to attend the presentation on the proposed trip to China but would like more information as we are interested in a place

Signed: _____

Print name: _____