

25th June 2017

TRIP TO SRI LANKA to include 4 Centres Easter Holiday 2018

Dear Parent/ Carer

In order to support and enhance our Year 10 and 12 wider curriculum we are planning a once in a lifetime amazing 10 days, 9 nights residential trip to Sri Lanka, this will include visits to 4 cities and a large number of world heritage sites. Whilst in Sri Lanka we will be staying in 3* and 4* Hotels on a full board basis.

The trip will be split into 4 sections, 3 days in Habarana, 2 days in Kandy, 3 days in Bandarawela and a night in Hambantota. The flight will be from Heathrow direct to Colombo with transfers to different cities by both coach and steam train. We will be undertaking a very wide range of trips and visits which will include, Polonnaruwa world heritage site, a primate centre, Ella Rock, The Yala National Park on safari and The famous Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage to name just a few. **See full Itinerary overleaf for more information.**

Students will also have the opportunity to take part in a Sri Lankan cooking class, visit a Sri Lankan school, see a Sri Lankan acrobatic and Dance show and feed the elephants in the orphanage.

The dates for this trip are during the school Easter holiday and are to be confirmed once flights are booked.

The cost of this trip includes:

Return scheduled air flights between London Heathrow and Colombo with British Airways or similar.

All airport transfers.

3* minimum hotel accommodation in shared rooms.

A fully trained guide for the full trip.

Cost of all internal travel.

All meals whilst away.

All trips and visits, entrance fees to attractions, classes and shows.

Full insurance cover.

The cost for this trip is £1680 per student.

Tour arrangements have been organized through Studytrips, a leading educational tour operator fully bonded by ABTA (Association of British Travel Agents) and ATOL (Air Travel Organizer's License). Studytrips are a fully assured member of STF (School Travel Forum), a group of leading school tour operators that promote good practice and safety in school travel. All Full Members of the STF adhere to a rigorous Code of Practice and Safety Management Standards that are externally verified each year by Overcoat, the UK's leading Health and Safety Consultancy specializing in Travel.

Places are currently limited to just 40 students. We are expecting this fantastic trip to be very popular and places will be allocated on a first come – first served basis.



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If you would like your son or daughter to take part in this fantastic opportunity a deposit of £200 will be required by Monday 10th July. All cheques are to be made payable to **Vandyke Upper School**. If your son or daughter is successful in gaining a place on this trip you will be sent a monthly payment schedule for the remaining balance, this will be 8 payments of £185. Please note that the next payment of £185 will be due on the Monday the 31st of July. Once the place has been confirmed, post dated cheques or bank payments will be required for further instalments. Support may be available for those in difficult financial circumstances (from the Vandyke Opportunities Fund). For more information contact me directly.

All students need their own passport valid for at least six months after the departure date. A visa will be required for all students and staff travelling to Sri Lanka and will be obtained online. We will provide further details of how to obtain the visa closer to departure. At the time of writing the cost of the visa was just £23 but is subject to change.

If you require any further information regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

J. Hargreaves
 Trip Leader

Sri Lanka Trip returns slip

Students Name-----Tutor Group-----

I wish my son/daughter to take part in trip to Sri Lanka departing during the Easter holiday 2018 and enclose a cash/cheque deposit of £200.00. Cheques to be made payable to **Vandyke Upper School**.

I understand that the deposit is non-returnable unless the costs of the trip increases above the amount stated above or in the case of a student not returning to Vandyke in September 2017. (Please tick)

I wish to make payments from September 2017 through the on line banking system.
 Please contact me with details.

Signed----- Parent/Carer. Date-----

Parent's Name, and email address -----

Parent's Contact Details -----



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