



Northampton School for Boys

An independent Academy for the Town and County



TON/JWN
6th November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for attending the presentation regarding the Operation Wallacea expedition to Mexico. The expedition was open primarily to pupils that are studying Biology or Geography, but any students who have a particular interest in wildlife; ecology and conservation could also apply for a place on this 2 week trip. I am delighted to announce that we have the full allocation of students. 16 students have indicated that, having considered all aspects of the expedition, they wish to take part.

The expedition will be taking part in Calakmul Biosphere Reserve where the students will be helping with a major biodiversity survey of the lowland forest. Calakmul is part of the Selva Maya and is the largest stretch of tropical forest outside of the Amazon. For the first week the group will be learning some basic jungle skills and learning survey techniques and will take part in "Introduction to the Ancient Maya" and "Neotropical Ecology" courses. The group will have the chance to join biodiversity teams working on amphibians, reptiles, birds, large terrestrial mammals, primates and bats. For the second week the group will go to the Ecological Research Centre in Akumal on the Caribbean coast, where students can learn to scuba dive to PADI Open Water level. If they are already qualified divers or just wish to snorkel, then they can participate in the Caribbean reef ecology and learn how to identify the corals, invertebrates and fish.

The dates for the expedition can now be confirmed, departure date **29th July 2019 to the 11th August 2019.**

The estimated total cost of the expedition is **£2550**. This sum includes the cost of participating in the Operation Wallacea expedition, international flights, internal travel, accommodation, insurance and park fees.

A £300 deposit is required by 23rd November 2018, this should be paid by Parent Pay or by cheque/cash given to the finance department. Please remember to mark the envelope and cheque with your child's name, form and Mexico 2019. Please can I ask that you look at the payment plan and the sheet that I have included regarding cancellation fees should your child withdraw from the expedition, as the students are going with a travel provider.

Once the deposits are in, the group will be meeting with their trip leaders to discuss fundraising activities. A meeting with the Operation Wallacea fund raising team will also be arranged as promised at the initial meeting.

Payment Plan

Deposit - to be paid by 23rd November - £300 (**Please note that this is non-refundable**)

2nd Instalment - 1st February 2019 - £750

3rd Instalment - 15th March - £750

Balance Payment - 26th April - £750 *

*maybe adjusted once flights and final deposits/numbers are in.

If you have any further question regarding the expedition, please do not hesitate in contacting myself at the school.

Mrs T O'Neill

Headmaster Mr R Bernard MA

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Reply slip to be given to Mrs O'Neill in F8 by 16th November 2016

I/we* give permission for my child to attend the Operation
Wallacea Expedition to Mexico in July /Aug 2019.

I/we * have paid the £ 300 deposit via *Parent Pay/Cheque/Cash

Signed:

Printed Name:

Relationship to student:

*Delete as necessary