

12th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

World Challenge Training Weekend 23rd /24th March 2024

We are very excited to be organising this training and look forward to getting the teams together and being outdoors! The training is an essential part of preparing ourselves for the adventure that is to come, but this does mean that it is a compulsory element for everyone. We hope that we are giving you enough notice, but please do come back to me straightaway if there are any issues with this.

I have set out the detail below, but the outline is a day of training with World Challenge leaders on the Saturday, an overnight camp, and a walk back to school on the Sunday (the objective of the walk being to test boots and rucksacks for comfort). The school leaders will also be joining in.

Saturday 23rd March 2024:

Meet at school in good time for a prompt start to the training at 9.30am. See the foot of this letter for a list of what you need to bring with you. At the end of the training we will ferry ourselves by minibus to Longrove Campsite in Studham where we will be spending the evening and camping overnight. While at Longrove we are going to:

- Grab a chip shop dinner, drink and cake. *We will send a separate communication about how to place your order.* And yes, we realise that this isn't how we will be doing things in Tanzania, but equally we won't be in an English winter and with our heads already full of other training communication!
- Campfire skills – including some basic cooking, so if there are any simple and appropriate open fire recipes that students want to demonstrate and try out, we will be happy to provide the opportunity!
- Evening campsite games. There will be no phones in Tanzania (or on this training weekend), and on many evenings no power and no light. Students please bring what you think might be fun
- Tent pitching and sleeping

NB: At Longrove there is a proper toilet block

Sunday 24th March 2024:

Breakfast will be picnic style - banana, yoghurt, croissant, hot drink. After breakfast we will strike camp and then walk back to school, a decent distance taking us a good couple of hours or so. Students should ideally be wearing the boots that they propose to wear in Tanzania, and carrying the rucksacks they will be using. Getting blisters and rubbing sores from untried boots and rucksacks in Tanzania won't be fun, because it will be the same boots and rucksacks the next day and the day after.....

We are expecting to be back around midday, but this will be dependent on many factors, and students will be given their phones back and allowed to contact home on Sunday to give you a firmer idea of our arrival time. Students to be collected once we get back to school, from turning circle please.

We do need to charge to cover the cost of the campsite and the food, please. The cost is £20 per student. Please ensure this payment is made via Parentpay, not later than 31st January 2024.

Kit list

- Packed lunch for Saturday
- Large rucksack
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping mat
- Walking boots
- Walking trousers, fleece, maybe thermals, hat & gloves.
- Torch
- Wash kit & clean underwear for second day!
- Any evening campfire games /activities – bring some ideas of what you think might be fun
- Mug & spoon, water bottles. Because of how we propose to cater for the evening meal and the breakfast you shouldn't need a plate or bowl

Not needed:

- *Tent - we will provide these*
- *Phone -we are going to insist that these are switched off when you get to school on Saturday (with no exceptions); but we recognise that students are likely to want to call you to give you an updated ETA on Sunday*

Finally

Although we don't have an exact date for you yet, we intend to hold a further family briefing evening with the World Challenge leaders during April. In our experience there are always lots of last minute details, clarifications and questions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs K Turberville
World Challenge Expedition Leader