

Dear Parents/Carers

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2021 World Challenge Expedition to Mongolia

World Challenge organise adventurous expeditions for young people to destinations all around the globe.

Silverdale School has successfully run World Challenge expeditions for many years. Previous destinations include Peru, India, Borneo, Madagascar and Malaysia. In July 2021 we will be heading to Mongolia.

The trip is offered to students currently in Y10 and Y11. This means that for those in Y10 now, they will take part in the expedition immediately after their GCSE exams, and for those now in Y11 it would be a trip that takes place late in the summer term of their Y12 year. The expedition is three weeks long – and takes place during the last two weeks of the summer term and first week of the holidays.

The expedition incorporates three phases; a trekking phase – in this case a horse trek in Mongolia; a project phase, where students will complete a charitable community or conservation project; and a rest and relaxation phase, and in this case students will fly to Beijing from Mongolia to visit the Great Wall of China. Two teachers from Silverdale will accompany students on the trip, together with a World Challenge expedition leader.

We would like to invite you to join us in school for an information evening, presented by World Challenge, where you will have the opportunity to hear all about World Challenge and the experience your son or daughter can have. It will be an informative and interactive presentation with plenty of opportunity for questions, along with video footage and photographs of expeditions giving an idea of what it will be like to take part. The information evening will be held on:

Wednesday 29th January 6:00 pm -7:30pm in the main hall at school.

The cost of the trip will be £4,320 which includes all flights, internal transport, food and accommodation for the trip, as well as insurance and training. We recognise that this is a large amount of money and there will be information on this evening about how the students can raise money to take part in the expedition and the support available with this. As a school we will offer opportunities for fund raising and we are exploring opportunities for some financial support from local organisations. There will also be information about what students will do whilst overseas, the safety and back-up on the expedition and the benefits they will derive from taking part.

We hope that you and your son or daughter will be able to come along, and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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