

November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers



Robert
May's
School

Morocco 2019

The Geography Department is organising a trip to Morocco for Year 10 GCSE Geography students, from **Saturday 6 April 2019 to Wednesday 10 April 2019**.

This trip does not form a part of the directed Geography syllabus, but will encourage GCSE students to think about desertification, water management and impact of tourism in an environmentally sensitive area.

The visit will be run by Travelbound tour operator and will consist of 5 days (4 nights) in Morocco, with possible visits to Marrakech, Ouarzazate, Kalaa Megouna, Dades, Fint and Telouet. Travel will be by air, with accommodation on a full-board basis. The exact itinerary will be determined by availability and our flight timings, but is likely to include the following:

- Walking tour of Marrakech.
- Visits to various places of interest, including local villages, monuments and a salt mine.
- Half day hike – a reasonable level of fitness will be required
- Camel ride and an overnight stay in Bedouin tents

The total cost of the visit is **£965**, including a **non-returnable deposit of £200**. This price includes all coach transfers and return flights, all airport taxes and security charges, four nights full-board accommodation, daytime visits, full insurance (a copy is available on our website) and a Morocco 2019 tour polo shirt. Students may wish to take some additional spending money with them, although opportunities for spending will be very limited.

The NHS website, <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/travel-vaccinations/>, provides information on which vaccinations your child may need, where to get them and how much (if anything) they may cost. The website recommends you get advice at least eight weeks before your child is due to travel, as some vaccinations need to be given well in advance.

For government advice on foreign travel visit: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/morocco/health>

If you know your child is eligible for free school meals, or if you feel you would qualify for financial support for this trip, please submit your application form and contact your child's Head of Year in confidence; please also be aware of the ballot (see below) which will apply to all students wishing to go on this trip.

As with all our visits it is absolutely vital that pupils behave in an exemplary manner at all times. Students being offered a place on the tour must exhibit continuing excellent attendance, effort, attitude and behaviour across all subjects at school or their place may be at risk.

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If you would like your child to be considered for this visit, please complete the reply slip below and the attached behaviour contract and return to the School Office **on or before Friday 9 November 2018**. Please note the student section on the reply slip, that the student needs to complete. Applications without a signed behaviour contract will not be considered.

Deposit payments should be made online at www.scopay.com/login.html, if you are unable to make payments online please enclose a cheque with your reply slip for the deposit payment, made payable to 'Robert May's School' with your child's name, tutor group and 'Geography Morocco Trip 2019' on the reverse.

We are limited to 40 students on this trip; if the trip is over-subscribed we will allocate places by drawing names out of a hat, all names will be drawn and a waiting list of unsuccessful applicants will be kept. Whilst we welcome applications from all Year 10 students, priority will be given to those who have a proven track record of good behaviour and who are taking GCSE Geography.

Students will be notified whether they have been allocated a place or not by Friday 16 November 2018. Deposits will be returned to parents/carers of unsuccessful applicants, successful applicants will receive confirmation with a payment plan for the balance. Please note, the school has the right to remove a student from the trip if payments are not received according to the payment schedule and where no alternative plan has been agreed.

Further details about the final itinerary, payment details, clothing and suggestions about spending money to be taken will be communicated nearer the time. You will also be required to complete a medical questionnaire about your child's health and will need to give any dietary requirements which your child may have. It is vital that any GP/medical appointments in the 6 months prior to the trip are disclosed. Each child will need an individual passport and an EHIC card (available from any post office or on-line at www.ehic.org.uk).

Finally, an information evening will be held nearer the time to finalise all travel details and to answer any questions which parents have about the visit. If in the meantime should you have any immediate queries about the visit then please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support of this tour as we look forward to providing your child with an unforgettable and unique educational experience.

Yours sincerely



Mrs M Lewis
Geography Department & Morocco Trip Co-ordinators

Mrs A Harrington

TO: Beverley Perkins - School Office

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I would like to apply for my child: Tutor Group: to participate in the visit to Morocco during April 2019.

I have paid the deposit online/enclose a cheque for £200.

I am aware of the exceptionally high standards of behaviour which are required during this visit and I have discussed these with my child. I am aware that I will be required to supply detailed medical information about my child at a later date.

I will ensure that my child has an in date passport and an EHIC.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____

To be completed by the student:

I would like to take part in the visit to Morocco because:

Signed (Student): _____ Date: _____

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School Study Visit and Trip Behaviour Contract

General

Whilst on a school study visit or trip students are representing Robert May's School. They are expected to participate in all activities, listen carefully to all instructions, follow them and be polite to all staff, each other and members of the public. Failure to comply with these reasonable expectations will result in sanctions whilst on the study visit or trip.

Conduct not Allowed

Smoking, stealing, drinking alcohol, bullying and other extreme behaviour that puts students or staff at risk is completely unacceptable and parents may be asked to come and collect students early at their own cost.

Digital Media Use

Photos, videos, recordings, digital recordings or other images of any staff, students, or other persons, may not be taken by students on study visits or trips without the specific consent of all individuals concerned.

Behaviour before Study Visits and Trips

Careful monitoring of behaviour in school will take place before all school study visits and trips. Students will be expected to attend regularly and follow all school rules. High levels of politeness will be expected towards all staff and other students. Students who are unable to meet these expectations in school will be removed from the trip and might not be eligible for a refund of any monies paid.

Students who have been excluded externally for a fixed term period at any time leading up to the study visit or trip may find that their place is at risk.

Parents/Carers: I have read, understood and discussed with my child this behaviour contract.

Parent/Carer Name (please print): _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Student: I have read and understood this behaviour contract and will ensure that high levels of good behaviour are shown whilst on the trip. I understand that poor attendance or poor behaviour in school could lead to my place being withdrawn.

Student Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____