



Dear Parents and Carers

As you know, at The Farnborough Academy we take student development (in all areas) extremely seriously and see it as being essential to their future. Over the past 5 years we have had a strong connection with a rural community and local orphanage in Ghana (West Africa). Teachers from our academy have in the recent past travelled to the Eugemot Orphanage to work with and establish connections there. In addition our academy has donated school computers (as ours were updated) and school books to many local schools and the orphanage in Ghana.

We currently maintain these links through a programme of work that GCSE students undertake as part of their DT coursework, however, we now want to expand these links by offering students the chance of a lifetime by visiting this amazing country and experiencing a culture very different to the one we have at home.

Opportunity:

Farnborough Academy will be sending a team of students from the current years 8 & 9 to form part of an expedition team to Ghana in October 2020. This is an exciting opportunity for students to take part in a 10 day expedition. The expedition team will travel to the Volta region in Ghana to work in collaboration with local villagers on a community project. The expedition will be led by Venture Force who have extensive experience in leading school expeditions to Ghana and destinations around the globe.

Our expedition is a great opportunity for students to develop soft skills, particularly team-work, communication, self-esteem, resilience and confidence. Students will enhance their personal development through both mental and physical challenges while on the expedition. Developing skills that will help students to stand out when applying to employers, colleges or universities. Team members will experience first-hand the local Ghanaian culture whilst learning about their local environment. The school will be fundraising for the cost of the expedition and in keeping with the spirit of the expedition students will be expected to take ownership of their participation and participate in fundraising.

Presentation:

Parents are invited to an illustrated presentation on Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 6pm at the academy, where you can learn about the expedition, its aims, and the organisation that will facilitate and lead this exciting opportunity.

Passport: Farnborough Academy will assist in the cost and process to obtain a passport for your Son/Daughter if they do not currently have a passport.

We hope that as many of you as possible encourage your child to apply for this once in a lifetime opportunity and as you will see from the presentation the cost to the individual will be extremely low as the vast majority of the costs will be covered by fundraising opportunities over the coming year.

Yours Sincerely

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