

10 November 2022

Dear Parent or Carer,

**RE: Botswana Expedition 2024**

Earlier this week, Year 10 students were informed of the wonderful opportunity to visit Botswana with Driffield School in 2024, at the end of the academic year. Although specific dates are yet to be confirmed, the expedition will be three weeks long and begin within the final week of the summer term, with the remaining two weeks during the summer holidays.

The trip itself is facilitated by Outlook Expeditions and involves a team of up to eighteen students. The expedition has already been opened to current Year 11 and Year 12 but, as we have remaining spaces, the opportunity for current Year 10 students to attend has been opened up. Outlook Expeditions and Driffield School have teamed up for a number of successful expeditions in the past, and we are thrilled to be able to offer a new expedition opportunity after the turbulent years of COVID.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask myself or Miss Bramley, both of whom will be joining the expedition. The link below to our expedition website also contains an itinerary, as well as a breakdown of cost, the total cost is £4375, and an overview of payment plans. We do stress, however, that the aim is for students to fundraise as much of the cost as they can, with our pre-expedition meetings focused on helping students with this. Our website also contains a link to watch a previously delivered webinar, which talked parents and prospective students through the detailed itinerary of the trip, as well as discussing fundraising and answering common questions such as travel and vaccinations. The webinar was led by an experienced member of the Outlook team, and attended by both myself and Miss Bramley. To watch the webinar, please click 'Register for the webinar' and fill in your details. You will then be given a link to access the video:

<https://outlookexpeditions.com/schools/driffield-school-sixth-form-2024>

If you want to join the team, there are two key features of sign-up: paying the deposit and signing up to BaseCamp. BaseCamp is Outlook's registration portal and can be accessed via the link above. The deposit payment of £275 is paid directly to school through ParentPay, and this option will be set up for anyone who shows an interest by registering to watch the webinar, in case they decide they would like to join. Furthermore, if anyone signs up for the trip through BaseCamp without watching the webinar, the option to pay the deposit via ParentPay will also be granted.

We believe this is truly a wonderful opportunity, and hope to see as many students signing up as possible. In the unlikely event that new sign-ups take us over the maximum threshold, straws would be drawn for a fair decision on who can join.

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Whitworth  
Expedition Leaders



Miss R Bramley

