



February 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

Your son / daughter has expressed an interest in the October 2021 trip to Entebbe, Uganda. This trip offers an opportunity of a lifetime staying at Kira Farm.

Kira Farm is a development centre supported by Amigos, a Barnstaple based charity which trains 19-24 year old students from across Uganda in skills of agriculture, carpentry, tailoring, construction and bicycle maintenance. The successful students at Kira Farm go back to their own communities and set up their own small holdings and businesses to become self sufficient, many employ others within their locality. Kira Farm gives a life line for the future for forty plus students every year. Park School has had a long association with Amigos and as one of our chosen charities we annually sponsor students.

This twelve day trip offers many experiences which are unique to a visit to Africa. While away our pupils will immerse themselves in life at Kira Farm working with the students, they have the chance to explore the local community and see how people live without the modern conveniences we all take for granted. Our group will be involved in a community project. Past activities have been building kitchens, toilets for local schools and building water storage vessels. It's not all hard work, students will experience African culture at a tourist theatre performance, travel north to Murchison Falls National Park and spend a couple of days on a river and land safari. Whilst travelling we will visit schools and interact with Ugandan children. Accommodation away from Kira Farm is in a hotel and safari camp.

The cost of this trip including flights, all accommodation and excursions is approximately £2000. This will be confirmed in twelve months time when flights are made available. There are some additional costs: tourist visa, vaccinations, malaria tablets and pocket money. To help families afford the cost students are encouraged to fundraise for this trip, hence the eighteen months notice.

There will be an initial parents meeting in the School Hall on Thursday 27th February at 6.30pm to discuss this trip in more detail. There will also be students from this year's visit and Phil Pugsley (CEO of Amigos) to share their experiences and answer any questions.

I look forward to seeing you on the 27th February.

Yours sincerely

Gilly Walden

