



March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

In July 2024 we have an incredibly exciting opportunity as an Academy to send a mission team to Western Tanzania, Africa. As an Academy, we believe that this would be a once in a lifetime opportunity for your child.

The Diocese of Gloucester has long established links with the Tanzanian church and as an Academy sponsored by the Diocese we have an opportunity to send 12 students on a two-week mission where we will be supporting the work of the Diocese, helping to grow the partnership, as well as establishing specific friends with Archbishop Kahuranana School. This trip will be a chance to forge and embed the link that will bring our two schools together in partnership.

The trip will be led by five academy staff that are experienced in running and organising activities. Should your child express an interest in being considered as part of the mission team, It is vital that you are made aware of some key information first.

Fundraising – The cost of the trip will be raised solely by fundraising to ensure that no child feels they cannot apply due to financial reasons. Your child will be expected to fund raise for the trip as a whole, not for their individual place.

Ambassadors – All members of the team will be representing both Diocese and Academy whilst on the trip. It is therefore important that your child would feel comfortable attending church events and representative the Academy in a variety of ways.

No frills – The trip is in rural Tanzania, where there is limited, if any, basic amenities. Your child would need to be prepared for two weeks without modern technology, flushing toilets and running water.

Health – As stated above, this trip will be tough for a number of reasons. You and your child must be confident that they are not only physically well enough, but perhaps more importantly emotionally resilient enough to face the challenges that this trip will bring.

Naturally, you may have many questions that are too extensive to deal with in this letter. We therefore would like to invite you to an information evening on **Wednesday 15th March at 6.00pm** here at the Academy.

Should your child wish to apply it is essential you and they attend this information evening where all application information be given

Yours Sincerely

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