

The British School - Muscat

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28th May 2008

To: Year 6 to Year 12 Parents and Students

Dear Parents and Students,

School Trips

Once again, we are very pleased to be able to offer a wide range of residential trips in the next academic year. The majority of these trips fall during Activities Week, which is scheduled for 13th to 17th December 2008. These trips are all still at the planning stage, but below you will find a summary of the complete list of trips proposed.

Date: 7th to 14th October 2008

Destination: London

Available to: All Senior School students, but of particular benefit to students of Dance or Drama at examination level.

Trip Includes: Visit to the Globe Theatre; theatre workshop; performances in musical theatre, e.g. Dirty Dancing; London sight seeing and shopping.

Trip Leaders: Miss Papworth and Mrs Witcomb

Approximate Cost: RO 880

Date: 8th to 16th December

Destination: Borneo

Available to: All Senior School students, but of particular benefit to students of Geography and Biology.

Trip Includes: Visit to Kota Kinabalu; visit to Kinabalu National Park; white water rafting; visit to the orang-utan sanctuary; Kinabatangan river and tropical rain forest; stay in a longhouse with ethnic tribespeople; visit Kuala Lumpur; elephant riding at the elephant orphanage.

Trip Leaders: Mr Reeves and Mr Witcomb

Approximate Cost: RO 890

Date: 10th to 20th December 2008

Destination: USA

Available to: All Senior School students

Trip Includes: Visit to New York (including the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building and a Broadway show); Washington (including Capitol Hill and the Space Museum); Chicago (including the contemporary art museum and the Wrigley Building).

Trip Leader: Mrs Fensome and Miss St Hilaire

Approximate Cost: RO 800

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Date: 11th to 18th December 2008

Destination: Paris, Northern France and Belgium

Available to: All Senior School students with an interest in History.

Trip Includes: Four days in Paris visiting the Palace of Versailles, the Eiffel Tower, Les Invalides, Champs Elysees, Notre Dame, the Louvre, and a Seine cruise, followed by 3 days guided visit to the World War 1 battlefields and trenches at Ypres, Somme and Verdun.

Trip Leaders: Mr Richards and Mr Wilson

Approximate Cost: RO 600

Date: 11th to 18th December 2008

Destination: Venice and Milan, Italy

Available to: All Senior School students who play football.

Trip Includes: Soccer coaching with former Italian professional football players; visit to AC Milan's San Siro stadium to watch a match; sight seeing in Venice and Milan.

Trip Leader: Mr Ahmed

Approximate Cost: RO 800

Date: 11th to 18th December 2008

Destination: Madagascar

Available to: All Senior School students, particularly those with an interest in French and Biology

Trip Includes: Visits to coffee and vanilla plantations, the lemur sanctuary, and a river boat trip through the nature reserve to observe flora and fauna. French will be spoken whenever possible!

Trip Leaders: Mrs Robins

Approximate Cost: RO 900

Date: 11th to 18th December 2008

Destination: Vienna, Austria

Available to: Years 9 and upwards, particularly those students of German and Art.

Trip Includes: Visits to Hundertwasser Haus, art galleries, the Spanish Riding School, and a Christmas market ... and a chance to use the German learnt at school!

Trip Leader: Mr Weir

Approximate Cost: RO 800

Date: 13th to 17th December

Destination: Oman and Dubai

Available to: All Senior School students with an interest in golf.

Trip Includes: Three days of local golf, plus 2 days in Dubai to include a lesson with a professional, followed by 18 holes or Par 3's of green grass golf. One night in Dubai.

Trip Leader: Mrs Davidson

Approximate Cost: RO 150

Date: 13th to 17th December

Destination: Oman

Available to: KS3 students

Trip Includes: Camping in the mountains of Oman, and possibly also on the beach.

Trip Leader: To be confirmed.

Approximate Cost: RO 90

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Date: 24th to 31st January 2009
Destination: Verbier, Switzerland
Available to: All Senior School students.
Trip Includes: Ski-ing and snow boarding.
Trip Leader: Mr Taylor
Approximate Cost: RO 870

Date: 4th to 11th February 2009
Destination: Holland
Available to: All Senior School students, but a good understanding of Dutch is required.
Trip Includes: Visits to Rotterdam Port, Deltawerken in Zeeland, a Dutch Senior School, VOC ship “Batavia”, and the Hunebedden (megalithic tombs).
Trip Leader: Mr Veenenbos
Approximate Cost: To be confirmed

If your son/daughter would like to go on any of these trips, please return the reply slip below by 4th June 2008 to give us an early indication of interest for planning purposes. Please note that this will be non-binding on your part. Further details of all these trips will distributed by the organiser(s) when they are ready.

There will also be International Award and Dubai Football tournament trips next year which will incur costs for students.

Finally, during Activities Week Mr Rogers will be organising a swim camp (non residential) which will be free of charge. Mr Detnon also hopes to offer another Coral Reef Conservation Diving Project, which will incur a cost, and Mr Evans will run a sea kayaking course for beginners. The culmination of the kayaking course will be an overnight camp on a remote beach in Bandar Kharan. Costs for this activity have yet to be determined but are not anticipated to be high.

Information on these trips and activities will be distributed by the organisers at a later date.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Yunus Sola
Head of Senior School

Please return to the Senior School Office by 4th June 2008

Student Name: Class:

Trip(s) that my son/daughter is interested in attending:

1.

2.

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

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