

The British School - Muscat

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6th January 2010

Dear Parents

Important Information for the Year Six Visit

I hope you all had a lovely holiday and your children are as enthusiastic about the start of term 2 as the staff. This should be the last letter home about Year 6 camp. The following information will include details of:

- **Passports and visas**
- **Departure and return times**
- **Itinerary**
- **Medication**
- **Communication**
- **Money needed**
- **Kit List**

Passports and Visas

I would like all passports to be brought to school by **Monday 11th January, the week before we leave**. We will then collate them all ready for the journey. Please be assured, all these documents will be stored in the school safe until our departure. If you require a visa you only need to send in a photocopy for me to note down the name, passport number and nationality.

Departure and Return

- Time and date of **departure: Sunday 17th January 2010**, ready to leave at **7:00am from the top car park**. Please go directly to the Multi-Purpose Room on arrival (between 06:20am and 06:40am) with luggage. This will allow us to leave before the busy traffic build up.

PLEASE COULD YOU ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 6.40 AM TO ENSURE OUR PROMPT DEPARTURE?

Please don't forget that your child will need a **packed lunch** for the Sunday. Named cool boxes can be brought if you wish, although it would be easier if lunch was placed in a disposable bag due to luggage restrictions on the coach.

Itinerary - this is purely a guide as actual events will depend on weather, safety, numbers, camp staffing and training, etc.

- **Sunday 17th January**
 1. Leave school
 2. Drive to Hatta border crossing where we will be met by North Star staff
 3. Visa children to be met at the border by Mr Fahad Baker.
 4. Travel to North Star camp – room allocation and camp rules

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5. Camp orientation and safety talk.
6. Evening meal followed by a night wadi walk.

- Monday 18th January and Tuesday 19th January – the rotational activities are 1) climbing and abseiling; 2) kayaking and raft building; 3) mountain biking; 4) GPS navigation and orienteering

1. Breakfast
2. First activity
3. Lunch at camp
4. Second activity
5. Evening meal at camp
6. Team building games.

- Wednesday 20th January

1. Breakfast
2. Half the group will participate in snorkelling at a private beach, beach games, coral talk and swimming whilst the other half will participate in team games on camp.
3. Lunch at camp
4. The two groups will switch over to complete the other activity
5. Evening meal
6. Talent show.

- Thursday 21st January

1. Breakfast
2. Room tidy and inspection
3. Leave for return trip to school.

- Time and date of **return: Thursday 21st January 2010 at 3.30 pm (approx) in the top car park.**

If, for any reason, we will be half an hour earlier or later than this time then a message will be sent to you via SMS or your class link.

Due to the trip not finishing until Thursday afternoon, there will be no school for the children who attended camp on Saturday 23rd January. School will start as normal on Sunday 24th January.

Medication

Any medication that is needed during the visit will need to be handed to Mrs Reeves, just before departure, in a named, sealed envelope. Please give travel sickness tablets to your child (if needed) before getting on the coach and provide us with more for the return journey, again in a named sealed envelope.

Communication

We would ask you not to contact your child whilst away. Miss Haynes is to be our school contact and will be holding all documentation relating to our visit whilst at Fujairah. Please contact her directly on 99410814 if you need to get in touch with your child urgently. Children will not be permitted mobile phones whilst on the trip.

Money

No money will be required for the visit.

Kit List

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

- Washing bag of personal toilet items
- Sleeping bag
- Towels – minimum one for showering and one for water activities
- Swim wear
- Underwear and socks
- Pyjamas or other night-wear
- One complete change of clothes for each day
- Sturdy walking shoes
- Spare training or beach shoes for water activities (not flip flops)
- Sun hat and sun glasses
- Sweatshirt
- Sunscreen
- Small day rucksack
- 1 black bin liner or plastic bag for wet/dirty clothing
- Lightweight water proof jacket – it did rain last year!
- A thick sweatshirt or fleece jacket in the cooler months – it was cold last year!
- Snorkelling equipment if applicable
- Camera and film
- Spare batteries

Any electrical equipment (MP3 players, cameras, etc) should be clearly marked to make identification easier and will be the responsibility of each child. Passports will be held by Mrs Birchall in a secured area until we return to Muscat.

We are all looking forward to our visit; I will be holding a meeting for all children participating before we leave, to answer any questions they may have. If you have any queries or problems relating to the visit please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Toni Birchall
Year Six Leader