

Tanzania and Zanzibar 2007



July 2007 saw the British School Muscat conquer Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, and further indulge themselves in Tanzania's famous safaris and a memorable stay on Zanzibar Island.

The team, led by Mr Tim Fenton, the schools Director of Sport and Physical Education, and International Award, braved the six day trek to the summit of Kilimanjaro, overcoming the high altitude and freezing conditions, making it the schools first and fully successful summit

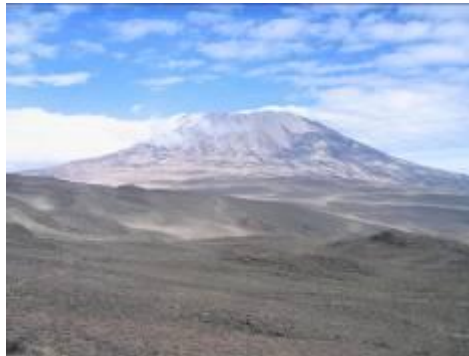
attempt reaching the grand heights of Uhuru Peak at 5895metres above sea level. The team were overwhelmed as they all pushed themselves to the limits of endurance physically and mentally, to get to the top.

Uhuru Peak 5895 meters above sea level

With eight students, three staff and the support provided by Les Elfes International, the school undertook an 18 day adventure visiting Tanzania's famous national parks, Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti, and Lake Manyara, climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and touring Zanzibar Island off the east coast of Tanzania, which has strong cultural and historical links to the Sultanate of Oman.



Serengeti National Park



Mount Kilimanjaro

In keeping with the schools ethos and vision, the trip provided the students with a life changing experience and education they could not possibly achieve in the classroom. Teamwork, leadership skills, trust and learning about oneself are a big focus on trips such as these, as are the cultural, historical and geographical aspects.



Mawenzi Peak



Spice Village - Zanzibar

Tim Fenton commented that, 'throughout the expedition the students had developed a great rapport with one another, which was even more evident after they had successfully reached the summit. The determination of these students to all get to the top demonstrated the effectiveness of team work and the importance of providing children these rare and valuable opportunities to develop. Tanzania and Zanzibar are beautiful and amazing places. The people made us all very welcome and it is hoped that we can return next year to give more children this fantastic opportunity.'

The team were: Yasmin Ellman-Brown (14), Rachel Wood (14), Michael Smith (15), Stefano Portaluri (15), Ciaran Hogarty (16), Charlotte Darke (17), Veronica Edwards (18), Mrianne Muelman (18), Emma Fenton (Staff), Sue Britnell (staff).