

For Students in Year 11, 12 and 13 September 2017

SOUTH AFRICA 2018 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We are proposing to arrange a trip to South Africa at the end of the summer term 2018 in conjunction with Outward Bound South Africa. We have been running trips to South Africa with Outward Bound since 2005 and this will be our 6th visit.

There will be three distinct elements to the trip. The first will be a personal development section. This will include a foot expedition, and overnight camp. There will also be some water based activities, team building and other physical challenges. These include a customary dawn 'jog and dip'!

The second element will involve community service. We will work in a small rural primary school for children from very poor townships. This work will vary from working in classrooms, helping with reading, painting and refurbishing buildings or helping in school grounds. Students have often commented that this section of the trip has been particularly rewarding but also emotionally challenging.

The third element of the trip is a cultural element. We shall visit Cape Town with all its' tourist attractions plus other culturally based activities.

At this moment we are looking at departing before school finishes in July and being away for two weeks.

Costs are not finalised yet as much depends upon final numbers, however, we are looking at around £2,200. There will be a monthly payment schedule.

We are sure there will be a great demand for this trip as there has been in the past. We are asking students to write a short letter of application stating why they should be included and what personal qualities they will bring to the group.

Applications should be either emailed or delivered to Mrs Bailey by Friday 29th September. Successful candidates will be notified by Wednesday 4th October. An initial deposit of £300 will then be required by 13th October. Once this has been paid to the travel company it is non-refundable unless a replacement can be found. A meeting will then be called before October half term. However, if you would like any additional information please email Mrs Bailey at sbailey@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk An information Evening will be held on **Tuesday 26th September** at 5pm in the Hall. (Please note this is a change of date to previously detailed)

Yours sincerely

S L Bailey (Mrs)
Assistant Headteacher & Trip Leader

