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10th December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Amigos Charity Educational Visit – July 2020 – Initial Interest**

The Amigos Charity (based in North Devon) is well known for its innovative and successful work in educationally supporting under-privileged children in Uganda. Local schools have regularly supported Amigos in fund-raising and developing educational resources for curriculum use, but we want to do much more and make a real difference!

Over the last few years this partnership has developed to the benefit of all and has led to an exciting opportunity, for a selected enterprising group of young people in North Devon.

It is proposed to organise a visit to Uganda and help develop facilities at Kira Farm (the Amigos school), north of Kampala. We will be working with South Molton School on this project. In essence, the prime objectives of our visit will be:

- a. To support and provide essential facilities for Kira Farm
- b. To raise to help pay towards the above developments
- c. Provide an educational and cultural experience for the students – probably “life-changing”
- d. Create Ambassadors to help promote Amigos and its work in the future.

But! – The visit won't be all work and no play! There will also be time to undertake activities such as a trip on the Nile, a safari trail, visiting the markets of Kampala, as well as visiting other schools and the shanty towns.

The students selected to join this trip will meet together to learn about Uganda, organise fund-raising events where necessary and help plan the actual trip and events. It is hoped this will be youngsters from throughout North Devon all working together – an experience in itself.

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Whilst there is much to arrange, briefly the logistics are as follows:

- Trip – provisionally early July 2020
- 15 students from Braunton Academy
- A party of around 30 students, including 15 from Braunton and South Molton School
- Two/ three teachers and support helpers in Uganda
- Cost of £1,900 – to cover flights, travel, visa, accommodation, food and funds for Amigos to help develop facilities in Uganda.

It is hoped the group will fund-raise to provide a large part of this throughout next year. We were delighted with the success of the trips we took to Uganda in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018, and together we have raised close to £50,000 for Amigos. Phil Pugsley, founder and Chief Executive of Amigos, will accompany and support us on the trip in 2018.

Whilst we have an open mind regarding the composition of the group, we seek to mix youngsters from different schools, with a balance of gender and experience; we aim to select from current Years 9 and 10, as these students will be appropriate age (15/16) when we depart.

**We aim to select students for this trip through a rigorous selection procedure. It is anticipated that we will be over-subscribed for this trip.** Therefore if your child is serious about being considered for this trip then they must do the following:

Bring a letter of application for consideration for the trip to Mr Langmead by **Monday 28th January 2019**. This must include:

- Why they should go
- How they will follow up the trip by becoming an ambassador for Amigos
- Detailed explanation of fundraising plans to raise £1,900

There is no guarantee that by writing a letter of application that your child will be given a place on this trip. It is anticipated that there will be an interview of applicants in the near future to decide who will be successful. It is important we have the right group that will gel and work together with the other schools involved.

There will be a strict monthly payment plan set up for your child to pay their monies into ParentPay over the course of the next year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want to discuss this, ask questions, know more or want to get involved. Thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully



Mr Langmead  
Braunton Academy