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Expression of Interest for Global Perspectives Trip to Kerala , India.

30th June – 16th July 2018

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

The Global Perspectives Department is planning a Trip to India, Kerala, in the first two weeks of July. The Trip is targeted at Global Perspectives students, who will be accompanied by English School staff.

Aims of the Trip

The visit will be of an **educational nature** with an overriding emphasis on **volunteerism**. We will be staying in a Guest House in **Mitraniketan**, a non-governmental organisation, whose main goal is to help support rural communities to break the cycle of poverty.

Our students and staff will have the opportunity to be involved in a range of **volunteer work opportunities**. They can teach, train, and work with the existing teachers in Mitraniketan's schools. They can become Teacher Assistants, helping to teach basic English and grammar, nursery games, dance and songs/ music. They may help in the Arts (Theatre/ Sculpture/ Painting) or be involved with sports. They may design newsletters and write Articles for Fund Raising. Alternatively they may assist in agricultural projects. It is very much up to the student volunteers to decide how they wish to contribute.

Mitraniketan operates a 60 acre campus which houses a number of development activities oriented at education and human resource development, with residential school classes and unique buildings dotted around the green campus. Our students will gain exposure to a different style of education and to a rich culture. They will learn how a rural community operates in its natural setting and experience realistic Indian life and local customs. They will also have first-hand experience of the work of an NGO and volunteerism.

For more information about Mitraniketan please see the web link below:

<https://www.mitraniketan.org/volunteering/volunteers/>

Risk Assessment

A detailed Risk Assessment will take place for this Trip. There may be a recommendation/requirement that all students are up to date with their vaccinations and also have a vaccination for Hepatitis A. There are Hospitals near the Guest House (2-3 km) and specialist Hospitals in Thiruvanthapuram (25 km) if required.

The Price of the Trip

The price of the Trip will be approximately €1300, and this will include Flights, Accommodation in the Guesthouse at Mitraniketan for 14 nights, 3 meals a day, Bus Travel to and from the Airport, Bus Travel for 2-3 day Trips. In addition to this there will be an added cost for the Visa to India (approximately €90 for those with a Cypriot passport).

At this stage we would like to know whether you would be interested for your son / daughter to participate in this trip. Once we are assured of the numbers, we will proceed with the detailed planning and can confirm the details. If you are interested, please can you complete the slip below and return to Ms. Asvesta or Ms. Michaelidou by October 24th 2017.

Ms. Asvesta

Assistant Head i/c Global Perspectives

Name of Student.....Form.....

I am interested in my child participating in the Global Perspectives Trip to Kerala, India, in the first 2 weeks of July 2017, and look forward to confirmation of the details in the following month.

Signed / (Parent/ Guardian):.....Date.....

Please return to Ms. Asvesta or Ms. Michaelidou by October 24th 2017.
