



# Charters School

## Specialist Sports and Science College

20 June 2011

Dear Parents/Carers

### **GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO CHINA - JULY 2012**

Following the high level of interest shown by prospective Year 12 AS Geography students a provisional booking has been made for a Geography field visit to China departing on Sunday 22 July 2012 and returning on Wednesday 1 August 2012.

The proposed 11 day (9 night) trip offers students the opportunity for an array of visits from the Great Wall to the Three Gorges Dam. China is an emerging superpower with the fastest growing economy in the world and offers numerous links to the A2 Geography course as well as promoting an understanding of cultural diversity. The planned itinerary is as follows:

- Day 1: Overnight flight to Beijing
- Day 2: Visit to the Temple of Heaven
- Day 3: Great Wall of China, the Sacred Road & the Ming Tombs
- Day 4: Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City &, Imperial Palace and the Summer Palace  
Overnight train to Xian
- Day 5: Terracotta Army Museum & the Xian City Walls
- Day 6: Flight to Chongqing and board the Yangtze Cruise Boat
- Day 7: Cruise to Fengdu and visit to Ghost City
- Day 8: Cruise through the Qutang, Wu & Xiling Gorges
- Day 9: Visit the Three Gorges Dam
- Day 10: Transfer flight to Beijing and visit the Summer Palace
- Day 11: Transfer to airport for return flight to UK

The total cost for the trip will be approximately £1800 (to be confirmed in September 2011). This includes:

- Outward and return flights to and from China
- UK Airport Representative
- World Wide Insurance
- English speaking national guide in China
- All visits and entrance fees to attractions whilst in China
- All meals and accommodation

If you are interested and would like your son/daughter to be considered for this trip then please complete and return the Parental Consent Form together with a deposit of £400 by Monday 12 September 2011. Preferred method of payment is by cheque, payable to RBWM with name and Tutor Group printed on the reverse. Please return in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled with name and activity to the Returns Box in Reception. This deposit will not be cashed until the trip has been confirmed; at this stage the deposit will become non-refundable.

Payment cards will be issued upon receipt of the deposit. The payment schedule will be confirmed when payment cards are issued, and will be as follows:

Deposit	£400 (12 September)
10 October	£200
7 November	£200

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12 December	£200
10 January	£200
20 February	£200
12 March	£200
16 April	£200

The trip will only be able to run should there be enough students to make it viable and at this stage we reserve the right to cancel the trip (with a full refund of deposit) if there is not enough student interest.

There will be a meeting for parents in June 2012 in order to discuss final arrangements.

Date of trip:	22 July – 1 August 2012
Location:	China
Departure from & time:	Tbc
Return to & time:	Tbc
Trip Leader:	Mr D Cowling
Staff:Pupil Ratio:	1:10
Transport:	tbc
Insurance:	RBWM off-site visits insurance policy
Dress Code:	Tbc
Pupils should bring:	Tbc
Mobile phone policy:	Tbc
Cost:	Approximately £1,800 which includes deposit of £400. Once the trip has been confirmed the deposit will become non-refundable. <i>(No pupil will be excluded for financial reasons, however the trip cannot run if we do not cover our costs. If you feel unable to make a contribution please contact the Trip Leader in confidence)</i>
Places Available:	

If you have any questions or queries about this trip to China then please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Yours sincerely



**MR D M COWLING**  
Head of Year 13



**MISS E WALTERS**  
Head of Geography

# CHARTERS SCHOOL PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Please find below information regarding an Off-Site Activity which is planned from Charters School.

**Pupil's Name:**..... **Tutor Group:**.....

I acknowledge receipt of the information regarding the proposed visit/activity to: **China from 22 July to 1 August 2012** and consent to my child, named above, participating. I have read the information and agree to his/her taking part in all or any of the activities described therein.

I certify that as far as I am aware my son/daughter is medically fit\* to undertake this journey and associated activities and there are no known health reasons why he/she should not do so. I authorise medical treatment to be provided should this be necessary during the course of the visit.

I understand that those supervising my child are in loco-parentis and must exercise a standard of care that would be expected of a reasonable, prudent parent.

I understand that there will not be an adult with a first aid qualification accompanying this visit.

I have ensured that my child understands that it is important for his/her safety and for the safety of the group that any rules and any instructions given by the staff in charge are obeyed. In addition, I understand that Charters School reserves the right not to take any pupils whose behaviour in school is less than satisfactory and likely to therefore jeopardise the safety of the group whilst on this trip.

Please find enclosed our payment of £.....

***(Preferred method of payment is by cheque, made payable to RBWM with name and tutor group printed on reverse)***

## Emergency contact details during the trip:

Name: .....

Contact No:.....

Relationship to child:.....

\*Please give details if your son/daughter suffers from any medical condition, of which, whilst not affecting his/her ability to undertake this off-site visit, you consider the Trip Organiser should be aware and/or is in addition to the signed Medical Consent Form (OA4) already held in School for your child:

Medical Details including any medication (eg Epipen):.....

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*(Office Use only: Medical information updated on SIMS )*

Signed:.....Parent/Carer Date.....

**Please complete and return this consent form with your payment in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled with your child's name, tutor group and proposed activity. Please ask your child to place your reply in the sealed Returns Box in Reception. A separate payment and labelled envelope are required for each trip.**