



Charters School

Specialist Sports and Science College

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Dear Parents/Carers

GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO CHINA - JULY 2012

I am pleased to announce that following a very high level of interest the Geography Field Visit to China in July 2012 will be going ahead. The dates for the trip are as follows: Monday 23 July 2012 and returning on Thursday 2 August 2012.

Due to the enthusiasm for this trip there is just **one** place now available!

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 £1800 and 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 reply slip together with a deposit of £400 by Friday 11 November.

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 (all cheques should be made payable to RBWM):

12 December	£200
10 January	£200
20 February	£200
12 March	£200
16 April	£200
1 May	£400

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

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**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 23 July to 2 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.