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Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 9 students

Re: Trip to Zambia – July 2020

I am delighted to be able to offer your child the opportunity to take part in a trip to Zambia in July 2020. The trip is being offered to students who are currently in Year 9.

During the trip, the students will visit schools to coach tag rugby and dance and will also be involved in additional projects, such as helping decorate classrooms at an orphanage school. At the end of the first week, they will organise a tag rugby tournament and dance performance. In the second week, we will travel to Livingstone to see the Victoria Falls and go on a safari experience. There will be further opportunities for coaching and arranging tournaments, along with involvement in other community projects.

The itinerary is similar to our previous Zambia trips, when the students considered the experience to be “life changing”. The level of responsibility and initiative shown by everyone in the groups who have travelled to Zambia has always been exemplary. Please contact me if you would like to see a presentation of previous experiences.

It is not necessary for students to be currently participating in rugby or dance activities as full training will be given in the months leading up to the trip. I am sure you appreciate that for a residential experience in Africa, students need to be motivated, mature, responsible and successfully complete the training provided.

Details for this trip are as follows:

Dates:	Thursday 9 July-Monday 27 July 2020
Departure Time:	5.30pm approximately
Return Time:	5.00pm approximately
Accommodation:	Accommodation at Eureka Campsite near Lusaka, hotels in Livingstone
Transport:	Fly with Emirates or other recommended airline, Minibus, first-class return coach to Livingstone
Cost:	The total cost of the trip will be £2,400 which includes all accommodation, activities, food, transport and emergency contingency fund

We will be involved in a wide range of fundraising activities to help with the cost of the trip and the first planning meeting will be in **September 2019** to give as long a period of time as possible to raise the funds needed for the trip.

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Students will be required to have their own individual Passport with at least six months before expiry at the start of the trip and for it to have at least six blank pages.

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, please complete the attached consent form and return in an envelope it to **Student Services**, clearly marked **“Zambia 2020” with the student’s name and tutor group**, along with a deposit cheque of £100 by 5 April 2019. Cheques should be made payable to ‘Esher CofE High School’. Please note that this deposit will only be refundable before any trip expenses are incurred.

You should be aware that subsidies in cases of financial hardship, including Pupil Premium funding, are limited for this trip. However, if there are any concerns regarding payment for this trip please contact the Headteacher, in writing. This should be indicated on the consent form to ensure that a place is allocated while this request is being processed.

Please see our website for standard terms and conditions for trips at Esher C of E High School, including allocation of places and cancellation information.

When considering whether or not your child should take part in this trip, please be aware that there are likely to be other residential trips offered to Year 9 students during the course of the academic year.

Yours faithfully



Mr C Horrod
Trip Leader

