



# Hinchbrook School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## India Delhi Trip – Summer Holidays 2014

We are delighted to be able to offer your child the fantastic opportunity to be part of a cultural awareness and leadership project which involves a two week visit to India. The proposed trip will take place in the first two weeks of the summer holiday in 2014 and there will be places available for 27 Year 10 students with 3 members of staff accompanying the team.

Our destination in India is Delhi, in the North Central Region. The team will travel through Plan My Gap Year. They have already created a tailor made itinerary for us and will have representatives there to support and accompany us during our stay. Last year they took a large group of students out to Vietnam from The Perse School. Please do have a look at their website. [www.planmygapyear.co.uk](http://www.planmygapyear.co.uk)

The goals of the trip are to develop students' cultural awareness, to engender leadership skills and to educate students in a new and exciting environment. With that in mind, the team will be working in the local community in Delhi. Typical responsibilities and tasks that students will carry out will include helping in local schools (with the fantastic opportunity to teach Indian students themselves if they so wish), offering care and help in orphanages as well as also providing more practical support, such as painting dormitories in the orphanages or painting classrooms.

Whilst a trip to India is a fantastic opportunity in itself we are keen that the project has a more long term and lasting impact for those taking part. Team members therefore will be involved in activities throughout the year to prepare for their visit to a new country and culture. There will be weekly meetings to prepare students for the different things that they will come into contact with on their trip; such as, religions, cultural practices, architecture and food, to name but a few. We also envisage students taking part in a range of cultural activities such as an Indian Literature book club, Indian film club and team building days.

Students, however, will also have an important role to play after the trip, in Year 11, in helping future teams to prepare. We would like those students who visit Delhi to report back to younger years on their experiences and what they have learnt, as well as helping to guide and support the new team. We see this as a unique opportunity to embed the leadership skills that they will have built upon in India. Their continued commitment to the project and their role in guiding younger students in the school will be an invaluable experience that they can draw upon in their future studies and life.

Considering the exciting opportunity that we are offering, there will be a selection process to gain a place in the team for next year's trip. This process will allow students to prove their commitment to the long term goals of the project and their ability to work as part of a team. Part of the expectation of students will be to take part in fundraising activities for the community that we will become a part of and they need to show organisation, commitment and creativity in order to do this.

Government legislation on charging for school activities, under the terms of the Education Act 1977, means that this trip, which is not predominantly in school time and is not essential to curriculum delivery, a charge is incurred. The total cost of the trip is **£1,695** and includes: Return flights, visa, insurance, accommodation, food, staffing, travel, (both in the UK and India) and any activities and excursions participated in whilst in India.

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Programme Cost	£945
Cost of Flights:	£750 (approximately)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£1,695</b>

It is important to note that the inoculation costs are not included in the price of the trip. A non-refundable deposit of £185 will be payable should your child be selected.

No more than £75.00 personal spending money will be required.

The first step in the process is to complete the attached slip and return to Mrs Woolhouse in the Design and Technology Faculty by Friday the **25<sup>th</sup> of October**. If your child is allocated a place a non-refundable deposit will be required by the **29<sup>th</sup> of November**. You will then receive a payment plan and further information in due course.

We are aware that this is an expensive trip and for pupil finding cost a barrier to participation the school may be able to offer financial assistance. If your child is allocated a place and would like further information, please contact the Educational Visits Co-ordinator at [czb@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:czb@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk) for further advice. The payments will be spread over a number of months to make the cost more manageable.

Alternatively, the team leaders will be able to advise on ways to fundraise.

In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Between us, we have 15 years' experience of organising and leading schools trips abroad.

If your child is interested in being a part of this project then please complete the attached slip and return to Mrs Woolhouse at the Design Technology Office by Friday 25th October, 2013.

Yours faithfully,

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FAO: Mrs Woolhouse in the Design and Technology Faculty

I confirm that my son/daughter would like to be considered for the trip to India in the summer of 2014. I understand that if they are allocated a place a non-refundable deposit of £185.00 is required and that I must keep up to date with subsequent payments.

Student Name:----- Form:-----

Parents Name/s:----- Signature:-----

Date:-----