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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## RE: Yr 11 - Zanzibar Trip, Easter 2020

We are delighted to announce that an educational trip to **Zanzibar Island** is planned for Easter 2020, in partnership with The Godolphin School.

Zanzibar, one of the most beautiful islands of the Western Indian Ocean, is **world-famous for spectacular coral reefs, coasts and tropical forests.** Zanzibar has won awards for sustainable tourism, and offers excellent locations to learn about: conservation, marine ecology, biodiversity, poverty reduction, and environmental sustainability. This offers a real adventure, while enhancing students' learning in: Geography, Science, World Religions, Economics, and Travel and Tourism. All students automatically gain the widely-recognised **ASDAN Universities Award**, which will look excellent on UCAS Personal Statements.

Our team will be snorkelling off sparkling coral reefs of **Bawe Island** and **Changuu Island**, some of the best-preserved coral reefs in the world, and carry out surveys to estimate the ecological health of the reefs. We will learn how ecotourism sustainably supports conservation. We will see a wonderful array of colourful tropical fish, coral reefs and sea turtles!

We will be working with charities to learn about poverty reduction and social enterprise, conservation, the protection of endangered species, and conduct surveys in **Jozani Forest, one of the world's most important biodiversity hotspots.** We complete the trip by working with an **important charity**, teaching English and conservation lessons to local children. Global Action are organising our trip, and have over 10 years' experience in successfully helping school teams fundraise. Global Action will visit the team each term to advise on fundraising activities with the maximum financial return.

There will be a Parents' and Students' colour presentation from Georgia Taylor, the Zanzibar Manager from Global Action, <u>at 18:00, Tuesday 26 March in the Drama Studio</u>. All parents and students are invited. Please email me as soon as possible if you are interested in attending this on <u>imo@bws.wilts.sch.uk</u> - thank you. Booking forms to join the expedition, plus a detailed itinerary, will be handed out at this presentation.

Yours sincerely,

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