

20 June 2025

**Morocco Expedition– July 2027**  
**Mount M’Goun or the Moon!**



Dear Parents/Carers

Following our successful expedition to Borneo in 2023, we are now looking forward to our next adventure to Sri Lanka in July 2025. What is even more exciting is that we are now thinking ahead to July 2027 and the next challenge ahead of us.

I am writing to introduce you to a proposed 15/16-day expedition to Morocco in July 2027 that we are offering to our current Year 8 and 9 students. This expedition, run by STC expeditions, will provide students a thrilling journey into the many highlights of this remarkable country. Students will get the opportunity to see the sights and sounds of Marrakech, experience rural life, climb Mt M’goun at 4071m as well as surfing, mountain biking and we can’t forget a camel ride. Provisional itinerary attached.

**Costs**

We expect the cost of the trip to be around **£2675** with the exact cost being confirmed once the international flights and group size have been secured. This includes all travel, accommodation, meals and guides throughout the trip. There are limited places on the expedition, and these will be issued through an application process if applicants exceed places.

The initial deposit is £400 which will be due at the start of September with subsequent payments being made in the 18 months running up to departure. This equates to about £130 a month. The full payment schedule will be sent at a further date.

**Fundraising**

We appreciate that the expense of this expedition is a big consideration. With this in mind we endeavour to support students in bringing down the personal contribution as much as possible. The lead teacher will support the students in thinking and planning fundraising events, both within school and events they can run independently at home. This will bring the cost of the trip down. Through the determination and ambition of our students they could raise the whole

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amount! A number of students who are attending our expedition to Sri Lanka this summer managed to raise the whole amount themselves!

As a school we will aim to hold as many fundraising events as possible. However, students need to support with the planning and attend the fundraisers in order to bring their individual costs down.

Bringing friends and family to fundraisers is really beneficial. Building a community of students, friends and family who engage in fundraising is key to raising as much money as possible.

If you are interested in the trip, but may require some financial assistance, please add this to the comments sections in the google form below. We can look into any help available once we know who is interested.

### **Next Steps**

1) **Interest:** At this moment we are looking for an 'expression of interest' in the expedition. If you think your child would like to take part, please complete the google form. [Complete form here](#)

This will allow us to start working out possible numbers and the number of students we can take.

2) **Parent Information Evening:** You are also invited to a virtual parent information evening in which our travel provider STC will explain the trip in a lot more detail, parents will have the opportunity to ask any questions they might have. **This will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm.** A reminder will be sent to those on the expression of interest list.

**To access the event please follow this link:** <https://crowdcast.io/c/5zt4plk0n2n8>

We recommend you register for the evening with the above link prior to the day of the event. This will make logging into the event on the evening easier and will also mean you are sent a reminder on the day of the event. Please ensure you log on in good time. The meeting will be recorded so anyone unable to make the session live can watch it back by using the same link.

3) **Apply:** If you are already happy for your child to apply for the trip or want them to apply after the parent information evening, please use this link below. This form asks the students to answer a set of questions that all students will have to answer. They also have the option of uploading a file if they want to tell us more about themselves or why they want to travel with us to Morocco. In the past we have had posters, PowerPoints, videos, poems and art.

Apply: [click here to apply](#)

The deadline to apply for the trip is **Monday 8th September**. After this date we will contact parents/carers with further information. If you have any questions or queries at this early stage, please contact me by email.

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