



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Operation Wallacea Trip to Dominica 2022

It is with great pleasure to announce that the school is planning to run a biology expedition with Operation Wallacea to Dominica in the summer of 2022. The expedition is open primarily to pupils who are studying or plan to study Biology at A-Level (who are currently in the Remove, Fifth Form and Lower Sixth). This trip was due to run in 2021, but has been rearranged due to travel restrictions.

The dates planned for the expedition in Dominica are the 18 to 30 July 2022, but this does not include travel to the Islands.

The two-week expedition will involve one week taking part in ecological research in the tropical rainforests of Dominica and the second week we will be based in Fort Shirley, where boys will either undertake their PADI Open Water course or take part in a Caribbean reef and ecology course.

Throughout the two weeks, boys will attend lectures on the areas and biodiversity, given by the scientists who are currently there participating in research.

There will be an Information Evening given regarding the expedition on Wednesday 19 May at 6.00pm which will be held online. Here, more information will be given about the expedition and the activities that the boys will be participating in. **If you wish to attend this meeting, please can I ask that you [email me](#), so that I can send you an invitation to the meeting.**

The total approximate cost of the trip will be £2,800 and this includes food, accommodation, insurance, dive training, diving, travel to and from sites and park fees. This price may vary based on flight prices; if your son is doing the PADI Open Water course, he will need to pay an additional £69 for his PIC card and training manual.

After the information evening, if you wish for your son to go on this expedition, I would ask that a Deposit of £150 is paid (this can be done either by cheque or via the Wisepay system), by Tuesday 8 June 2021.

The rest of the expedition cost will be split into four payments. The final total will be sent out once the flights have been purchased, and the payment dates will be confirmed at the information meeting. The initial deposit, once paid, will be non-returnable unless a replacement participant is found, or a viable group is not formed (12 boy minimum).

If you have any queries or require more information before the information evening, please do not hesitate to [contact me](#).

Kind regards,

Jean Mainstone
Biology Teacher