

HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL An Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## <u>Current Years 10 & 11</u> <u>Three week Trip to Malaysia & Singapore in July 2018 - £2,500</u>

Following on from the recent successful trips to Tanzania in 2013 and Malaysia 2014 and the forthcoming trip to Malaysia in 2017 it is with great anticipation that Hitchin Boys' School is pleased to announce the proposal to take a group of 18 pupils from current Years 10 & 11 on another expedition to Malaysia & Singapore in July 2018.

The cost of the trip will be approximately  $\pounds 2,500$  dependant on flight price and currency fluctuations and any subsequent surcharges, as flights cannot be booked more than 12 months in advance. In an effort to reduce costs on this trip we are intending to run this through Hitchin Boys' School and not through external travel operators.

This expedition is student led from the planning and preparation, to fundraising, fitness training and itinerary planning. The boys will be supported during the expedition but will ultimately be responsible for the booking and planning of the majority of the trip. The only activity that will be booked for them will be the PADI scuba diving course. I have listed the majority of activities that will be major components of the trip but will require the boys to budget their own expenses.

The trip will include the following:

- Flights to and from Malaysia/Singapore
- All accommodation, transport and food.
- Four day Open Water PADI qualification or Advanced Qualification (if your son has both of these the cost of the trip may be slightly reduced but they will need to pay for the separate dives)
- Two nights on the edge of Taman Negara Rainforest with day walks and canopy walkway
- Grade 2 and 3 White Water Rafting
- World's largest aviary
- Hindu Batu Caves Visit
- Trip up the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur
- Overnight train to Singapore and a couple of days sightseeing
- Sunway lagoon Waterpark

Head Teacher: Mr M Brown



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If you would like your son to apply to participate in this trip I would be grateful if you would complete the reply slip below and return it to the School Office Letterbox by Monday 31 October. Due to the nature of the trip I will be interviewing applicants to ensure they have the requisite attributes to be able to undertake the necessary tasks associated with an expedition of this nature and therefore any decisions made will be final.

Once places are confirmed I will write again with further information regarding the trip and provide you with the payment schedule. At which point a place will be reserved for your son on the trip and a non-refundable deposit of £100 will become due. Please be aware that if your son subsequently withdraws from this trip that some or all of the monies paid may be non-refundable depending on the payment schedule and terms issued to us by the providers.

If you have any queries regarding this trip please do not hesitate to contact me at the School or via email at rthorp@hitchinboys.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

R Thorp Trip Leader

## PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO the School Office Letterbox marked Malaysia/Singapore 2018

Student's name: Form:

I would like my son to be considered for a place on the Malaysia Trip 2018. I understand that should my son be confirmed on the trip and he subsequently withdraws, some or all of the monies paid may be non-refundable, depending on the payment schedule and terms issued by the providers.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make the trip leader aware of the following medical condition/s for my son:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian) Date: \_\_\_\_\_