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Antarctica Expedition 2009

Dear Parent

Following the success of the recent expedition to Antarctica I am now planning another trip which will take place in December 2009. The reason for selecting this date is that it will commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the distinguished Old Oundelian, Sir Peter Scott.

My initial plans are to fly to Punta Arenas via Santiago in Chile. From there we will either take a ferry or fly to Ushuaia, Argentina. The boat to Antarctica will depart from Ushuaia and take us across Drake Passage to the Antarctica Peninsula – there is no doubt that crossing the Drake Passage is a unique experience. We will then travel down the peninsula, making two or three landings each day using zodiac landing craft. There will be the opportunity for some of the party to camp on the mainland as well as to go sea-kayaking. Wildlife will be seen in abundance against the unique setting of pristine wilderness.

Pupils who went on the last trip enjoyed it enormously and it is largely their very positive reaction that has made me decide to run the trip again. There is a photo gallery on the School website which will give you an idea of what we will see. On our return from Antarctica I am planning for us to spend a few days in Patagonia before returning to the United Kingdom in time for Christmas. The cost of the trip is likely to be £4900 which will be payable in instalments over the next two years. This is expensive, but reflects the high cost of places on the boats that go down to Antarctica. Certainly the parents of the pupils who went last time thought it was money well spent.

If you would like your son or daughter to join the trip I should be grateful if you would return the reply slip (the second page of this document) to me and I will then send further details. Some of you have asked if there are places for parents on the trip or for Old Oundelians. The answer to this is yes with the proviso that current pupils will have preference. Please let me know if you would like to take up one of these places.

If you would like more information please contact me either by email or phone. My home number is 01832 275183

Yours faithfully,

P.C. Clark

Antarctica 2009 Reply Slip

I would like to reserve a place on the Oundle School Expedition to Antarctica 2009

Pupil's Name:

House:

Form:

Signed:

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