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To parents of next year's Fourth and Fifth Form

November 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians

JORDAN 2012

The Geography and RS Departments are planning to run a joint trip to Jordan from Sunday 9th – Sunday 16th December 2012. This is an enriching extra-curricular trip with an exciting itinerary.

The expedition starts with visiting the Church of St. George in Madaba. The church houses a wonderful mosaic map of Ancient Palestine, dating back to the 6th century, (and is said to contain more than 2 million fragments). We then move on to Mt. Nebo and enjoy breathtaking views of the Jordan Valley, before floating in the dense salty water of the Dead Sea. The group will then visit the spectacular 2,000 year-old City of Petra. In ancient times, Petra was admired for its refined culture, superb architecture and ingenious complex of dams and water channels. We will carry out a trek with camels in the stunning desert canyons of Wadi Rum, home to the Bedouin, who have lived here for hundreds of years. Here the group will see traditional nomadic caravans, who live in traditional camel hair tents. We complete this unique adventure by visiting the beautiful Red Sea at Aqaba. The attached full itinerary outlines the trip in more detail.

The cost of this trip will be £1450. This includes return transport to a London airport, return flights from London, full board accommodation, a UK Expedition Leader, local English-speaking guides, all activities and entrances to sites as per the attached itinerary, and visas. We will be travelling with Far Frontiers Expeditions, a very well-established company, who have an excellent record. The expedition will be accompanied by Mr. Deane (Head of RS), and myself. We will be traveling under our own School insurance policy. If you would like to see a copy of our School insurance policy then please let me know.

This is a fantastic opportunity to visit a fascinating country and further extend your child's general geographical and RS knowledge. If your son or daughter is keen to join this trip, please complete the attached consent form and return it to the Trips Secretary, Mrs. Janice Dawe (JDawe@oundleschool.org.uk), by Monday 22nd November. The cost of the trip will be added to the next School bill. Once you have completed the attached consent form, bookings will be based on your child going on the trip. Parents should be aware that, once the consent form has been returned, deposits already paid to the company may not be refunded unless a suitable replacement can be found and they will be liable for the £65 administration cost levied by the company for any such changes.

We will, of course, be providing all the necessary pre-departure information over the coming months. In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. Thank you for considering this exciting opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

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