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**Headteacher** Richard Gilpin

11<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parent/Carers,

Pittville School is setting up a link with St Andrew's International High School in Blantyre, Malawi with a view to running a trip to Malawi in October half term 2020. At the moment, we anticipate flying out on the Thursday before half term, and returning on the last weekend of half term, precise dates to be confirmed closer to the time.

The aim of the trip is to provide students with a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit a country and a culture very different to our own. Students will have the opportunity to visit and work with students at the International High School, as well as other local schools and charities and see how local people live in Malawi. The trip will also include sight-seeing excursions, including visiting Majete Wildlife Reserve where students will have the opportunity to see animals such as lions, elephants and rhinos.

The cost of the trip will be approximately £1700 (subject to potential flight prices and exchange rates changes) and will include:

- Flights to Blantyre, Malawi
- All accommodation and food
- Transfers to and from airports, in England and Malawi
- Trips to the Majete Wildlife Reserve, Zomba Plateau and local towns/markets

Additional costs that parents/carers should be aware of are:

- Passport
- Visa
- Vaccinations/malaria tablets (it is anticipated that the vaccinations/tablets required should not incur costs)

We will hold an information evening on 19th March at 6pm in the café for parents, carers and students to find out more about the trip and what it involves and to answer any questions that you may have.

Places on the trip to Malawi will be limited. To secure a place on the trip we will ask for two non-refundable deposits of £300. The first deposit of £300 is to be paid by 29th March 2019, the second payment of £300 is to be paid by 31st May 2019. There is an expectation that students on the trip will take part in some organised voluntary fundraising activities prior to departure, to help towards the cost of the trip. We will set up a payment plan to spread the cost of the balance, and to ensure the full cost of flights are paid in advance so that we can book them as soon as they become available. Please use your ParentPay account online where you will find this contribution as an item to add to your basket.

Please sign the slip below to show if you are interested in the trip, and in addition, indicate if you are attending the information evening on 19th March.

Yours faithfully,

Ms. S. Biddles  
Teacher of Mathematics



**Please return to Ms Biddles by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

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

- The student named above expresses an interested in the trip to Malawi.
- I will be attending the information evening on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in the Café.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Date: \_\_\_\_\_