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Dear Parent/Carer and Students

Indian Himalayas Expedition, July 2019

I am delighted to announce that an educational expedition to India is planned for July 2019. This is a once-in-a-lifetime trip, aimed to enhance students' learning across a range of global issues.

The expedition starts by visiting Amritsar's **Golden Temple** and the spectacular **Taj Mahal**, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. We will then move to our base in the foothills of the beautiful Indian Himalayas, where we plan to have a special audience with the **Dalai Lama** to learn about respect for all religions.

We then participate in unique workshops with experts at international development agencies, to learn about Sustainable Development, Fair Trade, and Environmental Protection throughout the Himalayas.

The team will then work on a superb and unique workshop in social ethics, where we will join with Indian students supported by Tong-Len, a UK charity led by an inspirational Tibetan Buddhist monk.

We will carry out a well-supported trek through the foothills of the world-famous Himalayas, through alpine forests with spectacular mountain views! We will learn about eco-tourism, conservation and the protection of endangered wildlife.

We finish the expedition by visiting Buddhist monasteries, to learn from renowned lamas how to practice positive mindfulness in our lives. The expedition will give all participants a unique opportunity to learn about leadership, teamwork and self-reliance, crucial life-skills.

Due to the highly educational value of this trip, all students will automatically earn the widely recognised **ASDAN Universities Award**, which looks excellent on university applications.

Global Action, who are organising the trip, have 10 years' experience in successfully helping teams fundraise. Global Action will set up a Fundraising Committee, and will visit the team regularly to advise team members on fundraising activities with the maximum financial return.

We are holding an India Parents' and Students' Presentation on **Tuesday 16th May at 7pm in the Lecture Theatre**. This will be given by Pat Milston, the Global Programmes Director of Global Action. All parents and students in current years 9, 10 and 11 are invited to attend.

Booking forms to join the expedition, a draft itinerary and detailed fundraising advice will be handed out then. Please e-mail me at jpomfret@saltash.net if you are interested in attending this.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Pomfret'.

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