

Senior Boys

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For Boys and Girls
aged 4 to 18 years

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

You should have received a letter about vaccinations from your son but please find attached electronic letter.

The second date, I realise clashes with Geography field work so we will be changing it to either the **Tuesday 26th or Thursday 28th March** (I will let the boys know once organised). Formby Health Rooms will be giving the boys advice on what other vaccinations to have but I recommend that you book a doctors appointment and check what standard vaccinations your son has had and if he needs any boosters (Hep A,B etc). I have spoken with Operation Wallacea and Malawi is NOT a yellow fever zone and as we are only in Ethiopia for a connecting flight which we do not leave the airport, it is not necessary that we have this certificate.

For those boys taking part in the Snowdon walk on the **16th March**. We will be meeting at school at **6am** and returning at approximately **5pm** (traffic dependent). I have given the boys a kit list but please find attached electronic version (as I know loose letters tend to only see the bottom of bags). Can you please let me know if your son has not returned a consent form but he wishes to attend.

I have also had a number of parents asking about the portal. You should have received an email from Operation Wallacea to tell you instructions and login details for this link <https://portal.opwall.com/user/login> Once you have logged in, you should be able to follow the options tabs which allows you to put in your information such as passport details, DOB, PADI forms and meal choices. I ask you to do this as a matter of urgency and if you have any trouble doing so, please follow this link <https://www.opwall.com/guide-to-the-portal/> as I have requested a step by step help guide from Operation Wallacea to help you input this data.

I also hope that you have had some communication with Phill Lake regarding the PADI training and proposed dates. If you could let me know your final choices regarding **Snorkelling, Open Water Training in UK or Open Water Training in Malawi** (I need to let Operation Wallacea know numbers so they know what numbers to expect for each group). I would remind you that all of these options are of equal enjoyment. Please choose what is best for you and your son with no fear that he will be 'missing out on anything'. The boys will be working in some of the most ancient lakes in Africa and whatever their option, I promise you that they will have the best experiences.

I hope you are all well and I know how excited myself and the staff accompanying the trip are getting. Please keep in contact with me if you have any questions, worries or concerns. Operation Wallacea are also brilliant at getting back to parents; so please direct questions to them too.

This is going to be a fantastic experience for your son and we are really looking forward to running this trip again this year.

Regards,



Miss Whitehead