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Dear Parents/Carers

Operation Wallacea - Honduras Trip

Welcome back and I hope you had a lovely summer break. Next summer will be here before we know it so I hope the students are progressing well with their fundraising activities.

We are currently in discussions with Divecrew in the village about running a course to enable those students that would like to gain the Referral Section of the PADI qualification prior to the trip. Divecrew are very well respected and we have been very impressed with their delivery of this course in the past.

To give some understanding to the PADI qualification, it is split in to 2 parts:

Part A The Referral

This involves 2 x 3-hour theory sessions in the classroom followed with 2 x 3-hour water sessions. This completes Part A of becoming a qualified Open Water Diver.

Part B Open Water Dives

Students then complete 4 open water dives. Once these 4 open water dives are completed, the student is a Certified Open Water Diver.

The total cost of the PADI tuition is included in the expedition price (excluding the manual & PIC which is £69). Choosing to do the Referral section ahead of time in the UK is an additional cost that I do not want to burden families with and feel that they have to do, because they do not.

However, if their passion is marine science, then completing the Referral section in the UK is a nice thing to do so they can spend more time on the reef ecology course.

Once the Referral section is completed in the UK, they would then complete their open water dives in Honduras, before moving onto the reef ecology course. If they don't do the referral in the UK, they will spend the full week doing the PADI course and will have a fun dive at the end. The focus of the week in Honduras is to train the students safely without overwhelming them. They will attend some reef ecology lectures so they can enjoy some of the reef theory.

Honduras is a great place to learn to dive but if anyone is feeling nervous, a taster dive in the UK may also be a good option which can be organised through Divecrew. If students decide not to dive then they will snorkel with the divers and attend ecology lectures.

The estimated cost to complete the Referral section with Divecrew is £350.00. We are awaiting dates from Divecrew for early in the new year.

Please complete the link below so we can gain an idea of your preference:

<https://forms.gle/8kiTQHspg9TqSFnP7>

Just a gentle reminder that the 3rd instalment for the expedition is due by Friday 29th September.

We would like all the students to attend a meeting next Tuesday after school at 3.30pm in A2 to see how they are getting on with their fundraising and ask any questions they might have – please encourage your child to attend.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards



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Trip Leader



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Trip Leader