

Dear Parent/Carer,

St Francis Xavier's College
Costa Rica and Nicaragua Scuba Expedition 2018 – Presentation Evening

Following the success of previous expeditions, we are delighted to inform you that your child has expressed an interest in the 4-week school expedition to Costa Rica and Nicaragua in the summer of 2018, organised by award-winning school expedition specialist, Camps International.

Come along to our informal presentation evening where you can learn more and ask questions about this exciting opportunity. We expect this presentation to last about 1 hour:

WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER at 18:30 in the HALL

How will my child benefit from going on expedition?

Outdoor education is vitally important to a well balanced, rounded education and taking on a sizeable challenge, such as going on expedition, will have a massive effect on the enhanced personal development of your son/daughter. The positive benefits are far reaching, such as the chance to earn **UCAS points** (equivalent to an AS level) and completing a PADI Open Water Diving Course. Please do come along to the Parent's Presentation to hear more.

Who are Camps International?

The school has chosen Camps International as they are well established and have provided fully supported expeditions for hundreds of UK and International schools, with a proven track record of quality and safety.

As the only expedition provider to own, manage and operate 25 permanent and exclusive camps across Africa, Asia and South America, Camps International are able to provide unparalleled safety procedures and deliver maximum impact through their projects, benefiting the most in-need communities, wildlife and environments.

Camps International is one of only a few providers to have been awarded the Learning Outside the Classroom quality badge, a government accredited quality and safety assurance award. They are also accredited with BS8848 and have won many ethical awards for their social enterprise model.

What is the cost of the expedition?

This all-inclusive expedition costs £4,080, which is protected by ATOL (6608) and can be paid via manageable payment plans to facilitate fundraising activities and financial management. Please come along to the Parents Presentation to find out where the money goes and the different payment options.

How do we go about fundraising?

The fundraising support team at Camps International will be on hand throughout the lead up to the expedition, offering a huge amount of support, endless ideas and continual encouragement. Students can raise a significant proportion (if not all) of the funds for our expeditions. Please come along to our Parent's Presentation to learn how we make it possible for everyone to achieve this.

What do I need to do to attend the Presentation Evening?

Please confirm your attendance via email to Sarahm@campsinternational.co.uk or by filling in the slip below and returning it to **Miss Finlay**.

If you are interested but unable to attend, please do still contact us to register your interest.

In the event that snow or severe weather conditions disrupt a planned presentation, please call our office on **01425 485 390** for details of rescheduling. We will also have further information on our website www.campsinternational.com.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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I/we would like to attend the Presentation Evening for the 2018 school expedition.

Name of student: _____

Year group: _____

Name of parents attending presentation: _____

Contact email address: _____

Telephone number: _____

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