



16th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers of students travelling to Africa,

This will be our final communication before we embark on our journey next Sunday 27th October. We feel sure that the students are as excited as we are to go on this amazing journey.

**Final meeting with African Adventures** - will take part on Wednesday 23rd October at 3.20 in The View - all students are required to attend. Parents are also welcome to come along, but it is not mandatory. The meeting will be approx 60 minutes

**Departure Itinerary: Sunday 27th October**

- Lufthansa flight - departs Manchester Airport, Terminal 1 at 0600 Students need to arrive at the airport - Lufthansa desks - at 0300 Mr Jackson will be the staff Leader
- Qatar flight - departs Manchester Airport, Terminal 2 at 0745 Students need to arrive at the airport - Qatar desks - at 0445 Mrs Gilbert will be the staff Leader
- Students' passports should be handed to their groups' flight leader and the staff Leader for the flight will check us in as a group. Apart from going through passport control, students' group leaders will hold both passports and boarding passes centrally.

**On the flights**

- Meals are included and all meal requests have been sent to the airline – African Adventures advised that we cannot guarantee that meals will be ordered correctly as it is completely out of their hands, therefore, anyone that is even slightly concerned about this, make sure they pack some dry snacks in their hand luggage (as a just in case).

**Money/Cards** - please note that, for all students, the preferred way for paying in most outlets throughout the trip would probably be by bank card. Some accounts - such as Monzo or Starling - do not charge for foreign transactions. This is especially useful for when we transit through an additional country on the journey. For market or craft-stall purchases, cash will be required.

**Luggage & donations for our African partner schools** - the students will now know which of the partner schools they will be working in on their volunteer days (details for all schools can be found on our website [here](#))

- o Mr Renshaw & Mr Jackson's groups - West End Destiny
- o Mr Taylor, Mrs Fielding & Mrs James' groups - Ungana
- o Mr Clark & Ms Hobson's groups - Nakuru Grace Academy
- o Ms Rogan and Mr Bruce's groups - Love G School
- o Mrs Gilbert's group - Green Tech Academy
- o Ms Smith and Mrs McGloin - Grace Kids Education Centre

If you have donations (clothing/toys/games/activities), please pack these into your own case for taking to your school when you are on volunteer days. Please note baggage allowances are as follows: Qatar = 2 x 23kg, Lufthansa = 1 x 23kg checked luggage and carry-on baggage as per the airline websites

**Documents** - Please don't forget to have your ETA Visa uploaded onto your phone, along with a paper copy stored with your passport

**Return Itinerary: Monday 4th November**

- Qatar flight - arrives Manchester , Terminal 2 at 06.05 am
- Lufthansa flight - arrives Manchester, Terminal 1 at 10.20 am

I hope to have covered everything above ! Should you have any questions, please contact us on [info@glossopdaleschool.org.uk](mailto:info@glossopdaleschool.org.uk) and we will do our very best to assist you.

Best wishes,

Sue Gilbert,  
Group leader, Assistant Headteacher