



NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

"creating opportunities for success"

4 October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

World Challenge in Borneo – Summer 2026

I am excited to offer current Year 10, 11 and 12 students the opportunity to take part in a school expedition to Borneo in summer 2026. The trip will be led by myself alongside World Challenge, a leading provider in school expeditions and student development experiences. Register for the online Information Evening on Thursday 10 October here: <https://weareworldchallenge.com/trips/e2gmuu8/>

A World Challenge is very different to most school trips. During the trip students will take the lead and develop skills crucial for their next stages in life. They are given a budget sheet and cash budget; students have different roles and World Challenge can be advantageous when applying for university or going for interviews for their first job. Taking part in this immersive learning experience, outside the classroom, enables students to accelerate development of core skills, all whilst visiting a fantastic venue and creating memorable experiences.

During the trip students will have the opportunity to experience:

- Kota Kinabalu (KK): Dive into the bustling capital of Sabah, Borneo, famous for its vibrant markets, historical landmarks, and stunning sunsets.
- The Pahu Trail Trek: Embark on a 4-day trek through the lush Bornean jungle, crossing rivers, hanging bridges, and camping under the stars.
- A White-Water Rafting Adventure: Raft through jungle landscapes along the Kiulu River, combining teamwork and adventure in a thrilling experience.
- Gibbon Conservation: Participate in hands-on conservation efforts at a sanctuary for gibbons rescued from the illegal pet trade. Help with feeding, rehabilitation, and learning about primate conservation.
- Cultural Immersion: Learn to cook traditional Dusan cuisine, a local ethnic group in Sabah, gaining insights into local life and culinary traditions.
- Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary: Visit the renowned Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre to witness orangutans in their natural habitat and learn about efforts to protect these endangered great apes.
- Sun Bear Conservation: Explore the neighbouring sun bear sanctuary, where you'll discover the important role of these unique animals in forest ecosystems and efforts to conserve them.
- Team Building & Leadership: Take turns leading treks and activities, making decisions as a team and building confidence, independence, and resilience.

More information and the full itinerary can be found here - <https://weareworldchallenge.com/trips/e2gmuu8/>

The expedition costs **£4395** and can be paid directly to World Challenge via a scheduled payment plan. As part of the programme, students can earn money towards their expedition and can look at the [Earning your funds](#) brochure

Headteacher: Mr Alan Blount, MA, BSc, QTS

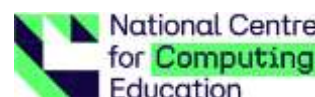
Newstead Wood School is part of United Learning. United Learning comprises: UCST (Registered in England No: 2780748. Charity No. 1016538) and ULT (Registered in England No. 4439859. An Exempt Charity). Companies limited by guarantee. VAT number 834 8515 12. Registered address: United Learning, Worldwide House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough, PE3 6SB.

Newstead Wood School
Avebury Road
Orpington
Kent

t: 01689 853626

e: office@newsteadwood.co.uk

w: newsteadwood.co.uk



which provides guidance, resources and support to help participants earn the cost of their expedition through enterprise activities. As a school we understand that it is a considerable amount and encourage participants to help raise money themselves. An initial non-refundable deposit of **£350** paid directly to World Challenge is due by **25 October 2024**; payment can be made via the link above. Please note that payment of the deposit constitutes permission to be on this trip and that if your child is currently in Year 11, they are expected to be a member of the school at the time of the expedition in 2026.

The cost covers flights (students are expected to make their own way to and from the airport), accommodation, food and travel whilst in Borneo, planned activities, medical/travel insurance and emergency support. The number of places is provisionally limited to 20 and they will be allocated on a first-paid basis of the deposit. Further information will be distributed once I have a list of those who wish to come on the trip. The expedition lasts for two weeks and begins on 26 July 2026. Exact dates which allow for travel to and from Borneo will be confirmed nearer the time.

Students will be encouraged to bring a small amount of money for souvenirs, tipping and any additional activities beyond those on the core itinerary. They will also be expected to organise their travel vaccines, kit and visas (if necessary).

Finally, I will ask that you pay a charge of **£100** on WisePay once I have confirmed your child's place. This money will be used as a contingency fund for any unforeseen events during the trip. Newstead staff expenses (travel vaccines, airport parking and a small meal while travelling) will come out of this fund. The money that remains at the end of the trip will be returned to you.

Suzy from World Challenge will be hosting an information evening on Thursday 10 October at 6pm. Please register to attend the online information meeting here: <https://weareworldchallenge.com/trips/e2gmuu8/>. If you have any questions following this then please email either myself or Suzy at sfletcher@world-challenge.co.uk.

For the purpose of trip safety, emergency contact and medical information for students will be taken from the school database. Please check and update school with any changes via the Arbor app or by email to Office@newsteadwood.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

David Giles

Mr D Giles
Teacher of Science