

15th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As many of you will be aware, we have taken Tiverton High School students to Kenya since 2017 to support the development of a number of schools in the area of Nakuru. I am delighted to inform you that we are offering your child the chance to experience this as well, in an exciting 12-night trip to Kenya departing on 4th July 2026.

The trip is organised by [African Adventures](#), who specialise in educational trips for young people in the UK. African Adventures partner with schools in Kenya to provide an education for children from underprivileged backgrounds with volunteers, like us, supporting the long-term development of the schools. We will undertake a number of projects in the schools we visit, depending on the needs at the time. This could include, helping with some basic building work/repair/decorating, teaching lessons, leading sports and activities. Whilst those venturing on this trip will undoubtedly make a difference, participants stand to learn so much about the wider world during this challenging and exciting experience. The trip is [ATOL](#) protected and African Adventures has organised trips for thousands of people in the UK. The organisation is also a member of the [School Travel Forum](#) and has been awarded the [Learning Outside the Classroom](#) Quality Badge.

The trip focuses on volunteering and continuing the work that Tiverton High School has been supporting for a number of years, but also includes several adventure activities and days to explore a beautiful country. Presently we expect this to include; the Rift Valley Adventure Day where students will have the chance to see some of Kenya's famous wildlife at Lake Nakuru National Park before conducting a scientific experiment at the equator and visiting the beautiful Thomson Falls. Also included, is a visit to the Menengai Crater, a 200,000 year-old source of geothermal power, followed by a chance to haggle at a craft market. In addition, the group will experience the Nairobi Wildlife Day which starts with a visit to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (DSWT)'s Elephant Orphanage where volunteers will hear individual rescue and rehabilitation stories whilst the babies are being fed their milk. This will be followed by a game drive set in the open grass plains with a backdrop of city sky-scrapers.

We would like to invite you to an in-person information evening about the trip and its costs on Wednesday 27th November at 6pm in the main school hall, where parents and students will be able to find out more and ask any questions about this exciting opportunity. With a trip of this magnitude, the cost is high, but our expectation is that students will endeavour to raise the majority of their trip costs through fundraising. This has always been a significant part of the trip because not only does it help to develop their enterprise skills, but it shows how committed and dedicated they are to going to Kenya. When each and every pound raised has been worked for, they truly appreciate the value of money. African Adventures will provide support and ideas to help with this, including online workshops. More detail will be given about this at the information evening.

In advance of the information evening, please see the initial information fact sheet for a brief overview to help you decide if this something you would like to consider. Interested students will need to write a letter to apply for a place on the trip by 4th December and then they will be interviewed before a place is offered. A deposit of £195 is needed by 10th January to secure the place.

Yours sincerely,



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Kenya 2026 Initial Information

Dates: Saturday 4th July 2026 – Thursday 16th July 2026 (12 nights)

Students: 30 Students (current year 8-9)

Costs: £2775pp

Included:

- Flights
- Activities
- Meals
- Water
- Insurance (school insurance)
- African Adventures T-Shirt



Activities:

- Community work at local schools
- Visit to Giraffe centre in Nairobi
- Rift Valley adventure day (Lake Nakuru game drive and equator visit)
- Visit to Menengai Crater
- Nairobi wildlife day (elephant orphanage and game drive)

What's not included:

- Travel vaccinations and antimalarials
- Spending money
- Team hoodie/jacket
- eTA (Electronic Travel Authorisation)

EXAMPLE of a Kenya visit plan:

Saturday: Fly to Nairobi

Sunday: Visit to the Giraffe Sanctuary and transfer to Nakuru hotel

Monday: Recovery and settling day and possible visit to the Hilton Dumpsite

Tuesday: Volunteer at the partner school

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Friday: Volunteer at the partner school

Saturday: Rift Valley Adventure Day

Sunday: Possible morning Church service followed by a visit to the Menengai Crater

Monday: Volunteer at the partner school and farewell ceremony. Transfer to Nairobi

Tuesday: Nairobi Wildlife Day

Wednesday: Transfer to airport to return home on Thursday

Next steps:

27th Nov: Parents evening 6-7pm in the hall. Representatives from African Adventures to attend

4th Dec: Deadline for applications for a place on Kenya 2026

W/C 9th Dec: Interview applicants – with parents

16th Dec: Places offered

10th Jan: Deposits made and registration with African Adventures complete