



11 March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Bali - Summer 2026

We are delighted to be able to offer Year 10, 11 and 12 students the opportunity to travel to, and experience, the country of Bali in Southeast Asia. This two-week trip consists of 6 days of volunteer work including the renovation of local villages, teaching English in schools and the conservation of turtles and elephants. Participants will then spend 7 days travelling around Bali, visiting the main sites and exploring Balinese culture.

We will leave school around **Monday 20 July 2026 and return around Monday 3 August 2026** (plus or minus a few days depending on flights). This is Heanor Gate's first trip to Bali and we are certain that it will be very popular. The total cost is dependent on the number of students who sign up, as well as flight costs, which haven't been released yet. The approximate price is £2300 and students will be able to fundraise in order to lower this.

There will be a maximum of 30 places for the trip and these will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis upon receipt of an initial £179 deposit. In the event of demand for places exceeding supply, we will open a reserve list. The school is required to make staged payments over the course of the year, so it will be necessary to ask parents to meet the payment schedule on time. The price includes: flights, accommodation, 3 meals a day, entry to all attractions, visa and insurance. This means that your child will only need around £100 spending money for when they travel.

We understand many parents may have questions to ask about this trip. Therefore, we will be holding a parents' evening on **Tuesday 18 March 2025 at 6pm in the hall**, during which time we will show pictures of what the students will be doing and talk you through a typical trip, answering any questions you may have. **Deposits will be accepted from 10am on Wednesday 19 March. Please pay via ParentPay.**

Please note, the school reserves the right to refuse permission for any student to attend if their behaviour at school is thought unacceptable for a trip of this nature. Please be aware that students in Year 10 who wish to take part in the trip must have plans to attend HGSA sixth form and students in current Year 11/12 must be enrolled in HGSA sixth form at the time of the trip.

If you would like to clarify any part of this letter before the parents' evening, please feel free to contact me, preferably by email at joakley@heanorgatespencer.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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