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Dear Parent

Proposed Lower School Expedition to Namibia - 19 - 29 August 2020

It is our aim to take a group of Lower School pupils to Namibia between 19 and 29 August 2020. The planned expedition will involve 8 nights in the Oana Reserve, one the last remaining wilderness areas in Southern Namibia. The participants will contribute to 'hands on' ecological restoration involving leopard monitoring, mammal surveys and dam building before embarking on an overnight trek to the Oranje River and summiting the Ol Doniyo peak.

The Oana Reserve is run by leading African conservationists Ian Craig and Pete Morkel, who have both won the prestigious Tusk Award for conservation. They are embarking on a long-term project to take the Oana Reserve on a journey of ecological restoration and rewilding after its previous life as a hunting ranch, with the aim of becoming a safe sanctuary for the endangered black rhino. The project aims to link up with neighbouring conservancies to create a new National Park, changing the map of Africa and protecting endangered species for future generations.

Over the last few years the reserve has made great progress and they are now able to let a few select school groups become involved with their work. Adventure at Dauntsey's is delighted to have been invited to assist in this major conservation project in the desert of Namibia. This trip would be an exciting opportunity for the pupils to experience and explore African wildlife and conservation first hand.

The expedition is being organised by The Leap Overseas, a local adventure travel company based in Marlborough <https://www.theleap.co.uk/> and the estimated cost of the trip is £2975. Please see the attached document for further details of the itinerary.

To find out more about this exciting adventure you are invited to a presentation evening on Wednesday, 15 May at 6.30pm in the William Dauntsey Room. If you and /or your son or daughter would like to attend this presentation please could you kindly confirm this via email to e.conidaris@dauntseys.org by Friday, 10 May.

Yours sincerely

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