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Dear Parent/Carer

Opportunity to Go Make a Difference (GoMAD) in Tanzania 2019

Today our students heard about the inspirational work of Go Make a Difference (GoMAD) in Tanzania. Established in 2008, GoMAD is a small independent charity which helps people in some of the poorest regions in East Africa. Working directly with local communities GoMAD operates a wide variety of volunteering projects that really do change lives. Students can choose to participate based on their own interests and skills and they will see the difference they are making however long they stay. Projects include building water tanks which provide safe clean rain water, teaching health education in villages particularly with girls and women, and building goat-sheds and irrigation systems for our farmers' co-operative.

As the Robert Carre Trust we are very excited about giving our students the opportunity to do something really unique, which we are sure they will find eye opening, challenging and yet rewarding and fulfilling and we believe truly life affecting. Students can choose the projects they want to be involved in and no previous experience is necessary. They will receive briefings before they depart the UK as well as extensive on-the-job training and support whilst in Tanzania. This experience will provide them with a wealth of new skills which they will find invaluable in school, at university and in the world of work. Students will have the responsibility of fundraising for the projects and 100% of all the money raised goes directly to the projects. Further details can be found in the attached leaflet.

The students who heard and saw the presentation have certainly had their eyes opened to the challenges faced by the people of East Africa and the opportunity they have to Go Make a Difference and the possibilities that lie ahead for them if they decide to take part. I would like to invite you to join us in school for an Information Evening, presented by GoMAD, where you too will have the opportunity to hear all about the amazing encounters that your son or daughter could have the chance to experience. The Information Evening will be held on:

Wednesday 23 May at 7pm Location: Main School Hall

It will be an informative and interactive presentation with opportunity for questions, along with video footage and images of the work and what it will be like to take part. I am very much looking forward to the evening and I hope you are able to join us and be inspired as well and help to get our first trip with GoMAD off the ground. I did my first, life changing, project with GoMAD in 2017 and will be returning to East Africa for my second trip in 2019.

I do hope you and your son/daughter are able to come along. I am sure you will find it interesting and also see why the Robert Carre Trust values supporting this work so highly.