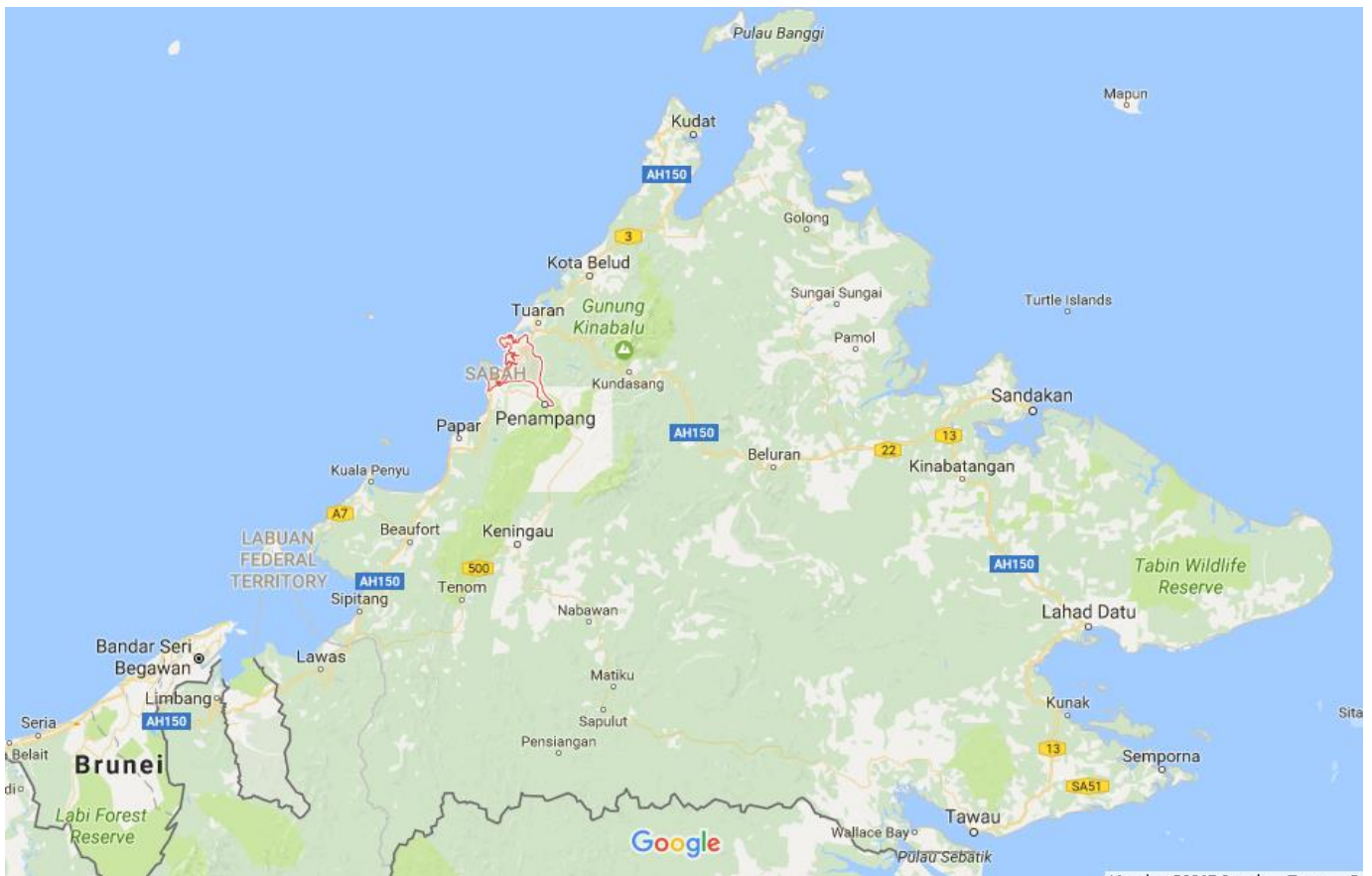


# Borneo Expedition

## Group 1 - Kudat Project

## Parents Information Booklet



**TWITTER ACCOUNT: @QMGS\_Exped1**

**EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS:**

**Outlook Expedition Phone Number: +44 (0)1248 672760**

**QMGS Staff Phone Number: +44 (0) 7712407455**

## Travel Arrangements from QMGS

<u>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July</u>	Depart QMGS	1200 BST (GMT +1)
	Arrive Uxbridge School	1400 BST
<u>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July</u>	Depart Uxbridge School	TBC
	Arrive London Heathrow	0625 BST
	Depart SQ 305	0925 BST
<u>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July</u>	Arrive Singapore	0530 SGT (GMT +8)
	Depart MI 392	0845 SGT
	Arrive Kota Kinabalu	1120 MYT (GMT +8)

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### Travel Arrangements back to QMGS

<u>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> August</u>	Depart MI 391	1210 MYT
	Arrive Singapore	1415 SGT
	City tour Singapore provided by Singapore Airlines	
	Depart SQ 322	2330 SGT
<u>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August</u>	Arrive London Heathrow	0555 BST
	Arrive at QMGS	approx 1000 BST

Please make arrangements with your child for pick up from school in case we are early or late. It is a very good idea for your child to write down essential phone numbers, as after the flight and coach journey the battery on their phone will probably not work.

## **In Loco Parentis and Student Discipline**

Parents must note that school staff and outlook expedition staff will be acting “In loco parentis”. This is a legal term which means that we will be acting in the best interests as we see fit. This is different to acting as we think the parents would have acted at the time. Indeed, this is almost impossible to second guess!

This allows us to discipline your child in response to poor behaviour by using sanctions appropriate at the time. A good example would be the withdraw of certain privileges or activities.

In cases of extreme misbehaviour a phone call will be made home. Parents should note that this would be for a very serious incident. For reference, this would be an incident that we could expect a student to receive a fixed term exclusion for. Senior school staff would also be called. In this instance, students would likely be separated from the group for some time. This is thankfully a very unusual step.

Not all students will be treated the same in every situation. We recognise that some are older and more responsible (although this does not always go hand in hand!). Treating the students exactly the same is not a fair way to treat students. **However, all must remain responsible for the actions and the actions of those they are associated with or in a group with at the time.**

## **Contact Details**

Staff will have WiFi enabled smartphones for regular twitter updates – see the front cover for the twitter address. This will be the only updates sent. Only some via the school twitter account – so follow us for the most photos!

We will **not respond or check direct messages** via Twitter – WiFi only sometimes available. We may also find it hard to respond or read text messages due to intermittent signal in Borneo.

There is no need whatsoever for students to have a phone. However, they may bring them if they wish. If lost they are gone forever and almost impossible to recover from insurance.

An inexpensive camera can be more useful than a phone camera. This is the last chance they might have to “unplug”.

## **Emergency Contact – Also see the email from Outlook Expeditions**

### **From parents/school/UK to Borneo**

Please consider carefully if students need to know about situations at home. It can be hard for students to return home. However, if there is a situation that students must be told about please contact via the emergency number supplied or via Outlook Expeditions. Do not use twitter for contacting the group.

### **From Borneo to parents/school/UK**

In any emergency our first priority is dealing with the situation before contacting parents. We will contact parents/school staff at an appropriate time. Not every situation requires parents to be informed far from home and it may be that minor issues that in the UK would be notified to parents would be dealt with locally.

It is not unusual for students to have no contact whatsoever with home. Looking at the schedule for the first few days then it can be very hard for students to remember to message home and find the time with the time difference. WiFi and mobile signal can also be an issue for some.

**Remember. No news is good news!**

## **Other points to note:**

The hotels, hostels and other places could have a pool which will not have a lifeguard. However, students may be allowed to use the pool providing they adhere to rules put in place by school staff.

We recognise that sharing photos and experiences is a part of the trip. However, students are to use care when using social media on the trip, especially the uploading of photos of themselves or others on the trip. Consent must be verbally sought from the people in the photo.

In towns students will be given free time on their own at times. At times students will be given considerable freedom and must respond accordingly.

High value items and money represent attractive items for opportunist thieves. It is hard to claim on insurance for these items and it is time consuming to gain police reports needed. We are unlikely to take students away from the expedition to make police claims for small items such as phones or tablets. Please use caution and try to limit risks by leaving some items at home and use hotel security safe or take them with you.

Some hostels, hotels and beach locations will have swimming facilities. Staff will take a dynamic risk assessment on these instances. Supervision by trained lifeguards or school staff may not always be possible.

## **Student List**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
Joshua	Robbins
James	Millerchip
Jole	Pepper
Daniel	Bishop
Joe	Jones
Munreise	Johal
Reuben	Singh Sidhu
Sef	Huuskens
Aarjun	Purewal
Dilan	Thiara
Aiden	O'Connor
Priyan	Patel
Oliver	Mills
Benjamin	Fortes-Mayer
Tara	McGuirk
Brinor	Ntrihungwa
Benjamin	Johns
Rhyanna	Makan

## **QMGS Staff**

**Matthew Rendu**

**Bela Mehta**

**Outlook Expedition Leader**

**Ray Sullivan**