

23rd October 2019

Dear Parents and students

[Malaysian Borneo Trip, Summer 2021](#)

We are delighted to announce that The Dean Academy and Malmesbury School are launching a joint trip to Malaysian Borneo and is planned for the summer of 2021. This trip offers a real adventure, while enhancing students' learning, especially in Conservation, Sustainability, Geography and the Sciences.

Borneo, the most bio-diverse country in the world is the perfect destination for life-changing educational experiences, environmental issues and adventure!

Students will be able to take full advantage of everything this beautiful and biodiverse island has to offer, while learning about; conservation, the protection of endangered species, traditional culture, biodiversity, ecosystems, environmental protection and eco-tourism. All students automatically gain the widely recognised ASDAN Universities Award and will participate in fieldwork. This will look excellent on students' UCAS Personal Statements.

You will see the amazing views of Mount Kinabalu and explore the tropical Borneo Rainforest, an area of vital importance to inhabitants including many endemic species, from canopy walks and towers. Alongside various environmental organisations, students will also participate in environmental projects focusing around sustainability and reforestation of the wildlife corridor in the Kinabatangan region.

You will also see conservation efforts first-hand: visiting the inspirational Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre. Here you will learn about the threats to Orangutans and the efforts being made to try and conserve these critically endangered primates before returning them back to the wild. You will also visit the neighbouring Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre to understand why the world's smallest bear is under threat from deforestation.



We will also enjoy learning about Jungle Survival, before a 3-day trek into the protected forest of the Crocker Range, and a day relaxing on a beautiful, tropical island beach.

This trip is being organised by Global Action, who ran Malmesbury's most recent trip to the Indian Himalayas. We are holding a special Malaysian Borneo Parents' and Students' presentation with Georgia from Global Action, **on Tuesday 19th November at 5.00 p.m.** All parents and students are invited. **Please email me (sarah.haines@thedeanacademy.org) or complete the reply slip below and return to reception if you are interested in attending this - thank you.**

A detailed itinerary and booking form to join the trip, will be handed out at this presentation.

Yours sincerely

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Student Name: Tutor Group:

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Signed: Date:
Parent/Carer

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