



Dear Parent/Guardian and Challenger,

A very warm welcome to the eSwatini and Kruger 2025 World Challenge trip!

## **What happens next?**

It looks as if we will have two teams! We will send out communication in the new academic year regarding the organising of these. Students will be asked to give the names of two other students they would like to travel with and then we will look at groupings.

Please be aware that whilst we do our best to place students with their friends this is not always possible. We strongly believe that one of the most valuable parts of the World Challenge experience is meeting new people and forging new, long-lasting friendships.

**All students successfully signed up to eSwatini and Kruger 2025 have now been added to a World Challenge team on Microsoft Teams.** This will be our main platform for communication when arranging meetings with students. If your child has not been added to this team, please contact school through the email address below and let us know.

## **How do we prepare for the trip?**

### **Discovery Meeting**

This meeting is with World Challenge at the start of the new academic year (2023/24). All students will attend. We will introduce fundraising and share ideas, we'll also complete team building activities and discuss the trip. We will contact you with the arrangements for this in the new academic year.

### **Training Modules and Team Meetings**

Throughout the next two academic years before we travel students will meet regularly with their team. This will help them to get to know each other and develop skills and knowledge in preparation for their adventure. We will work through three modules, with sessions on global citizenship, wellbeing and personal growth. These are a mixture of student and teacher led sessions and we expect the students to help arrange the timings of these meetings through our channel on Microsoft teams.

### **Training Weekend!**

Students will take part in a weekend of camping, hiking, team building and cooking on camp stoves with World Challenge during academic year 2024/25. We will be in touch with more details closer to the time.

### **Pre Departure Meeting**

The pre departure meeting happens a couple of months before we travel, it is usually online, and parents are invited for a final briefing from World Challenge.

## **Build Up Day**

This is the day before we depart (exact departure dates not yet confirmed). All students will bring their bags to school, fully packed for a final kit check and complete any last preparations for their upcoming trip.

By the time departure day comes around, our teams will be fully prepared and very excited for their incredible journey!

In the meantime, please keep an eye on your emails for any communication from World Challenge and don't forget to log in to the [World Challenge portal](#) and familiarise yourself with the information on there. You will have received an email to set this up when you signed up. Please make sure that students know their log in details as they will be using resources on the portal for their training.

If you have any questions about the trip, please contact World Challenge Customer services by emailing [customersupport@myworldchallenge.com](mailto:customersupport@myworldchallenge.com).

If you need to contact school, please email Miss Swinden through [enquiries@penistone-gs.uk](mailto:enquiries@penistone-gs.uk) or call on 01226 762114.

We are looking forward to meeting our 2025 teams soon!

Kindest Regards

Miss Swinden