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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

## Fully funded trips to China and Thailand – Spring 2022

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of announcing our international visits to Thailand and China during Spring Term 2022.

Provided international visits can proceed, we intend to take twelve students from years 10 and 12 to Thailand in early February and China during the Easter holidays.

The trips to Bangkok and Beijing, respectively, are enriched with an itinerary allowing our students to explore the unique culture of both vibrant cities as well as being destinations that align with our vision of developing future leaders for a global economy. In addition, both itineraries include a visit to a school and we expect students who attend to think of ways to maintain contact with their school hosts, as at some point in the future we will be hosting these schools here.

Highlights for the trip to Bangkok include visits to:

- The Wat Po and Wat Arun Temple
- An elephant sanctuary
- The River Chaopraya
- A school visit
- A fundraising activity and visit to a local orphanage

Highlights for the trip to Beijing include visits to:

- A space museum
- The Great Wall of China
- The Forbidden City
- The Temple of Heaven
- A school visit

We welcome applications from all students in Years 10 and 12 and upon receipt of the applications, we will then shortlist students for interviews before the final selection for the trips.

Please note the following:

- BEA funds the trips. However, we would recommend that students have at least **£10 per day** for meals outside of the ones provided by our hotels.
- We expect to be staying in a four/five-star hotel.
- The trips are led by an experienced international travel company specialising in international school visits.

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- Both visits are for seven days in total, departing and returning to London Heathrow.
- If your son/daughter does not currently have a passport, they can still apply. However, I would appreciate this noted on your letter of application to assist you in applying for one if necessary.
- If your son/daughter has any medical conditions, please make us aware to staff the trip with appropriately trained individuals.
- There is an expectation that all students attending will be willing to learn a basic level of phrases used by the local culture.

Please write a letter of application to me if you wish to be considered for either visit. The deadline is the 31st of October 2021. Please hand the letters to me in person.

I would strongly encourage you to apply as early as possible.

If you require any further clarification, please feel free to contact me directly via email: [wajid.raja@bea.e-act.org.uk](mailto:wajid.raja@bea.e-act.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wajid Raja', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr Wajid Raja  
Assistant Headteacher