



Hayesfield School Romania Challenge Project July 2020



Destination: **Transylvania, Romania.**

Dates:[Month and Year]. **Approx 8 days flight dependent**

Cost: **£800** for Expenses (flights, accomodation, food, insurance)
Plus an additonal **£400** minimum Fundraising (For the building project)

We are inviting students to apply for the 2020 Romania Challenge Project. This project is organised by The Social Enterprise, "Graft For Growth" and the Charity, "People Against Poverty."

The students will engage with a long term programme which seeks to improve the lives of the poor and disadvantaged from communities in Eastern Europe. In Romania the project involves a number of agricultural initiatives which aim to establish successful community farms in the heart of poor areas.

The specific activities undertaken during the trip will involve one specific build project such as a Hay barn, Pig Sty, Beehives, Tractor Shed etc. Additional tasks will include planting in Poly Tunnels, propagating plants and maintaining existing buildings.

Further oppotunities during the day will include working with Educational Support Programmes in both a Kindergarten and an After School Club, visiting target families in the poor villages and challenging the locals at football. The project concludes with an off-road Trip to the mountains of Transylvania and a chalet stay at 1700 metres to enjoy the unspoilt beauty of the Carpathian Mountains.

These trips have a strong track record with local schools and have proved to be very rewarding. They allow students to further understand the level of poverty and desperation that many in our world face. Furthermore students are able to work alongside families in poorer areas, to build relationships and to consider the key challenges and issues faced in development work. We consider aspects of sustainability, ethical farming and the environment.

The project requires no initial practical skills but the qualities of initiative, commitment, the capacity for hard work and empathy for others would be a considerable asset.

Graft for Growth and People Against Poverty both work in partnership with local Romanian Charities. These organisations have a Christian basis, which allows students to see how faith can be expressed practically. This is an exciting and rewarding project which develops teamwork, problem solving, determination and empathy.

The Procedure:

1. Complete the application form before the deadline of **Day....Date...Month ...Year.**
2. Hand it in to reception for the attention of
- It may be helpful to visit the 'People Against Poverty' Website www.peopleagainstopoverty.com before making a decision: Follow the Education Against Poverty link and you will find a slide show and video about the projects.
3. A selection process and interviews may be necessary if the trip is over-subscribed.
4. Once the team is selected, an information evening for parents and students will be arranged.

Fundraising: This is a personal challenge for students and the money raised goes towards the School project. [Materials, Transport, Tools, the Romanian Engineer etc]

To help in this activity we organise group fundraising events to get students started, such as sponsored bike rides and bag-packing. We also help with ideas and monitor progress; however the main resonsibility lies with the individual student together with parental support.

Expenses: The £800 covers all aspects of trip (flights, food, accommodation, insurance) The payments will be staged throughout the year leading up to the trip.

Romania 2020 Challenge Project: Application

Please return to reception before **Day Date Month Year**

Name _____

Tutor Group_____

Please return to **Ms/ MrTeacher ONLY at asap**

My son/daughter would like to apply for a place on the Romania Challenge Project. **Month.....** 2020.

I understand the first deposit is £200 (non-refundable).

I understand that in the event she/he no longer wishes to go, that 80% of the cost due at the time of the withdrawal will be required.

I understand that the payments plan, as laid out here, is required to continually secure the place and that responsibility for the additional fundraising lies with the individual student, with support from the parent.

When I receive email confirmation that a place has been offered, I understand the first deposit will be due immediately, to initially secure the place.

If this is not received the place may be offered to another student.

As Parent/Guardian of the above student, I have read the details of the project and understand the financial commitment involved, including fundraising. I fully support my child's application should he/she be selected for the project and know of no medical or other reason why it would not be appropriate.

Signed Parent/Guardian: (Please print your name clearly)

Date:

Contact Numbers:

Email address: Please write this very clearly.

Parent email/s.....

Student email.....

This will be used for future communications regarding the trip. Please print all your contact details clearly.

Please note:

A confirmation email will be sent on receipt of this reply slip

If you would like any further details, please email **Mr/Ms.....on**

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS: [School Name] Romania Challenge Project 2020

Provisional Dates: **Dates Month Year**
(8 Days subject to flight availability)

Payment Details:

Total cost: £1,200 (£800 for expenses and £400 Fundraising for the project)

Finance

The cost of the Project expenses is £800.00 and this needs to be paid through [Payment Process] as follows:

1. 1st Payment of **£200 paid by**
(This will be paid to secure a place on the team after the team is selected. It is a non returnable deposit which will be used to book flights.)
2. 2nd Payment of **£100 by** (£300 total)
3. 3rd Payment of **£100 by** (£400 total)
4. 4th Payment of **£100 by** (£500 total)
5. 5th Payment of **£100 by** (£600 total)
6. 6th Payment of **£100 by** (£700 total)
7. 7th **Final Payment of £100 by** (£800 total) [2 Months before Trip Departs]

Please note that all finances to cover **expenses must be paid in full by [Date Month and Year]** but can be paid in monthly instalments up to that date if preferred.

Should a student withdraw from the project at any time, parents will remain liable for 80% of what is due at the time of the withdrawal. [This refers to Expenses] This will cover unrecoverable costs such as administration, mini bus hire, group accommodation and flight tickets.

Finance (to cover fundraising for the project)

The minimum Fundraising total is £400.00. This is a compulsory trip expense but allows students to achieve it through charity events and sponsorship. It can also be Gift Aided.

This money is to fund the project and to support the Charity. The Fundraising money is mainly to be raised through the initiative of each student, possibly with some help from parents and including some school support. The school will provide an organised 80km sponsored bike ride.

8. 8th Payment of **£400 (minimum) due [Two Months before Trip Departs] (The fundraising money)**

Please pay all EXPENSES and FUNDRAISING through [School Payment System] by the deadline provided. The details are on the School Website. Should you wish to use a charity website for fundraising then please use BT My Donate.

Medical:

- Please see your local Health Centre for advice concerning vaccinations required for the trip.
- You will need to provide a copy of your passport and European Health Insurance Card by ...[Month Before Trip] so please apply for this in good time. (Could be altered with Brexit)
- You will have to complete a Parent Consent Form, which includes medical information.

Passport: A full passport will be needed for the trip. PLEASE CHECK THE DATE OF EXPIRY ON THE PASSPORT. IT MUST BE VALID FOR 6 MONTHS AFTER THE RETURN DATE OF THE TRIP Please have this available for copying by [Month before Trip]