

BURFORD SCHOOL UGANDAN CONQUEST

The Burford-Uganda link was established by Annie Paget (a former Geography teacher at Burford School) in 1995. Its aim was to provide a cultural exchange between Burford School and Bishop Dunstan School in the Seese Islands in Uganda.

This year's team will be the second team to take on Uganda and consists of 13 pupils from years 11, 12 and 13: Katherine Webb, Katie Davis, James Winterbottom, Emma Jackson, Susie Tyrrell, Alicia Smith, Jo Tupper, Stephen Catling, Michael Bayer, Anna Plank, Christian McGuinness, and Louise Wiper. It is being led by Mr Shadbolt (Head of Mathematics), Ms McRae (Languages), Miss Brown (Learning Support), and Mr Boyd (Art)

We will be departing for Uganda on Thursday 10 July. During our four-week stay we will be going on safari with pupils from Bishop Dunstan and taking part in two Homestays to experience life in an Ugandan family. We will also be going on a camping trip where we erect our own shelters from branches and leaves, and generally experiencing the school and daily life of Ugandan children.

We are thoroughly looking forward to our visit and are trying to encourage the community to get involved as well. You or your children may have already met the Ugandans who visited the school with the exchange last year and found them to be a charming people, if not, hopefully you will meet some of them when they visit in September. We're sure all involved will once again find it a valuable learning experience and we hope to return with a greater understanding of the world we live in.

This unique experience for pupils attending both schools needs a lot of fund-raising to bring it about. We have to raise enough money to pay for the Ugandans' visit to England as well as taking desperately needed equipment: books, paper, pens, pencils etc. out there with us. We have held many fund-raising events so far this year, just recently we held an American Line Dance in the school hall which raised over £800, making it a very worthwhile evening that everyone seemed to enjoy.

We hope to keep the link running for many years to come, so fund raising events will be ongoing.

Please contact Burford School if you would like to make a donation.

Your support and donations are gratefully received.

A. Smith, E. Jackson, S. Catling.