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RE: YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY TRIP CANCELLED

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Further to my correspondence sent home with yesterday's tracker, I would like to update you as to how the events of next week's Shanghai Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia will impact on our plans for year 8 next Tuesday.

We have received more information from the authorities today that makes it slightly clearer about road closures and this has enabled us to make some decisions about how the school will run next week. It is clear that the normal traffic movement into school in the morning and going home in the evening cannot be guaranteed to run smoothly. The variable nature of the traffic and our reliance on buses to transport large numbers of students and staff has led us to conclude that the school will have to shut early at 3:00pm on Tuesday and all ECA's will be cancelled.

Unfortunately, I therefore have to inform you that because of these exceptional circumstances we have had to cancel the Year 8 trip to the Zhujiajiao Water Town. We feel that we cannot guarantee the staff and pupils arriving in time at school for the trip to leave in a timely fashion in the morning and then returning in time to make the early return home from school.

I apologise for the loss of this interesting and useful cultural experience, sadly there is now no time to rebook the event in the school calendar prior to exams or activities week. I hope you can understand the reasons behind the decision. Please look for more information about the potential disruption to the school's normal day in this evening's Principal's blog.

Kind regards,

Chris Share
Head of Secondary School