

CAMP TANZANIA 2014



The Groby Community College team at the Ngorongoro crater

From left to right:

Becky Pogson, Hannah Mugglestone, Lizzie Pye, James Dawswell, Jaina Patel, Dan George, Jaina Mistry, Ross Dixey, Corey Carroll, Adam Flavell, Jordan Waite, Jake Fenn, Kieran Oldershaw, Jonny Lloyd, Ellis Kube, Melissa Murray, James Wynne, Jess McGee, Adam Kissai, Alison Hall, Matt Richardson, Alfie Poulton, Ashley Nathwani, Harry Wallace, Owen Mitchell and Oliver Dudman

On 14 July 2014, 23 students and 2 staff from Groby Community College set off for Tanzania after two years of planning, fundraising and numerous injections. Guided by our expedition leader Jonny, it took two days of travelling to get to our first camp in Moshi, at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro and acquaint ourselves with our first tent of the month.

After all the sitting around, the group were desperate to get going on the first bit of project work and enthusiastically mixed concrete, laid blocks and joined pieces of metal for three days at the local primary school. It was the first stage of a new classroom to be built over the summer. Even with all the work there was still time for a football match with the children, a dance lesson at a local house and Swahili lessons in the evening.

The time at Moshi flew by and soon we were back on a bus headed for Tanga. The long journey was well worth it as Camp Tanga was

absolutely beautiful – perched on a small cliff overlooking the incredibly blue Indian ocean with a dining area built around a large baobab tree. Whilst there we worked on building another classroom, a tree nursery, repairing school desks, seaweed farming, flip flop carving and weaving mats from palm leaves. It wasn't all work though as this is where we did our four day PADI scuba diving qualification including two days diving a reef in the Indian ocean.

At our final camp near Lake Manyara we made mud bricks for a house for a local man. Basically, if you need a wall building from any material – ask one of these guys. From here we visited a Maasai village and did our safari days into the spectacular Ngorongoro crater where we saw almost all the “big five” and had a much disputed cheetah sighting.

Suddenly our four weeks was almost over and after a long bus journey back to Nairobi we just had time for a bit of reflection on what we had seen and achieved (see the student quotes on the next page). It was an incredibly experience living out of our comfort zones and working on projects to help others and by the end some people were already thinking about their next trip.

It was a privilege to work with such a committed group of young people who represented the college impeccably. We were constantly praised for their work ethic when the leader saw how much they achieved at each project. Seeing each person develop and the self confidence in some increase dramatically was incredibly rewarding for us and added an extra dimension to an already amazing trip.

**Miss Pogson and Mr Dixey
Groby Community College**



Dancing in the Maasai village!

OUR BEST MOMENTS OF THE TRIP!

“Getting a letter from a little girl from the school in Moshi”
- **Jaina Patel**

“The last day of project work in Manyara—making bricks, having a mud fight and seeing how happy Mr Samson was when he received the clothes Jake donated” - **Lizzie Pye**

“Learning how to do local arts and crafts with an artist using flip flops” - **Alison Hall**

“Meeting all of the kids and seeing their faces and how happy they were over something as small as a pencil case with pencils”
- **Corey Carroll**



“Star gazing with Jess on the edge of the cliff in Tanga” - **Mel Murray**

“When the village children ran up to us and I gave them a ride in the wheel barrow we were using to move mud for the mud house” - **Adam Kissai**

“Playing football with the kids at Moshi”
- **Harry Wallace**

“Ellis and James letting flies in the tent, then gassing themselves out with DEET”

- **Oliver Dudman**

“Engaging in the culture and spending time with people when you know you have changed their lives” - **Owen Mitchell**

“Football match against the local team in Tanga” - **Ellis Kube**

“Giving some pencils away at the school and seeing how happy they were” - **Ashley Nathwani**

“The last project day in Manyara building Mr Samson’s house and having a mud fight” - **Hannah Mugglestone**



“Seeing the lion cubs and all the other animals on safari” - **James Dawswell**

“The first open water scuba dive” - **James Wynne**

“Views from the top of the Ngorongoro crater”
- **Jordan Waite**

“Giving Mr Samson some gifts” - **Jake Fenn**

“Going to the school at Moshi and seeing the happy faces of the children when we went into the classroom” - **Matt Richardson**



2016 Expedition is to ECUADOR GALAPAGOS

Find out more about this amazing opportunity by speaking to Mr Dixey at Groby Community College