

## INDIA 2011

February/March 2011

So what have we been through so far. When we first heard about this trip we thought this is going to be amazing. Yes, we are going on the 2011 Educational visit to India!

### The grueling process

We first attended an introductory meeting with our parents that gave us an idea what we would be doing in India teaching and volunteering with the Mother Teresa organisation. It sounded awesome until at the end they mentioned that only 14 of us can go out of year 12 and 13. There is always a catch and this was that we had to write a passage on why we wanted to go on this trip. This was then followed up by an interview process with Mrs Vadher and Miss Cunningham to select the final 14. We were nervous because this has been a visit that has been running for many years now and the students from the previous years said this was "The trip of a life time".

So Far..

So, here we are now 14 of us meeting every Wednesday to discuss fundraising and getting to build relationships before we go. Our first group fundraising is having lots of bag packs lined up with Asda, Waitrose and our first on the 5th March at M&S. Our own personal fundraising is ongoing and people have done sponsored "moonwalks" all day, cake sales and sponsored silences. Also the Bush Tucker Staff Trial "what will they eat?" involves eating weird things if a question is answered incorrectly. This event is coming soon! And finally the self sacrifice is where we all donate money each week for the thing we have given up, for example skittles, biscuits, magazines, meat etc. This money collected will be given to the Mother Teresa organisation when we visit. So that's what we have been up to so far, but I will ensure you there is plenty more to come!