

LORETO CAMPS CAMBODIA

Hi there, my name is Lisa Denton and I am part of a team of six Loreto girls who are heading to Cambodia for the month of July 2019.

The main reason I wanted to get involved in this amazing project was so I could improve the lives of the less fortunate. The first thing that struck me about Cambodia was that approximately only 31% of children have access to education. I find that having a good school to go to is taken for granted by many in our generation, but we should appreciate that this is not the case for every child around the world. As part of our journey to Cambodia, the team and I are going to help build a school for the children as this will help them to achieve their dreams and lifetime ambitions. We will also be involved in planting trees to combat deforestation in the Cambodian Rainforests and protecting wildlife species by cleaning up beaches to preserve animal habitats. The girls and I are fundraising about 75% of the costs that will go towards our work in Cambodia.

You have probably already seen us around the school selling raffle tickets for hampers, but one of the first fundraisers I did to raise money for this was by doing a coffee morning with my friend Zara, who is also going to Cambodia. We were amazed by the generosity of the people in our community who helped us raise over £1400 in just a few hours!

I think I speak for the whole team when I say that people really do come together to support a great cause. We are pleased to say that we are part of this life-changing experience and we can't wait to make a difference to the lives of other people. In the words of David Attenborough at the UN climate talks in Poland, "Together we can make real change happen."

Saum Arkoun (Thank you)

