



12th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Barcelona Sports Tour (Football and Netball) – 23rd to 29th March 2024

We are very pleased to have had a very positive response from the current Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 students who would like to take part in our football and netball sports tour to Barcelona from Saturday 23rd to Friday 29th March 2024.

Our Full board accommodation has been confirmed as the 4* Htop Caleta Palace on the Cala Rovira beach in Platja d'Aro. **The confirmed cost of the trip will £760.** Included within this cost is:

- A dedicated tour manager from SLT tours
- Executive coach travel to the resort and coach transport whilst at the resort
- Full board accommodation and meals for the duration of the trip
- Three training sessions
- Two fixtures per team against local opposition
- Trips and excursions
- Game of bowling and mini golf
- Travel and tour hoodie
- Personalised training kit and socks
- Match kit with numbers
- Travel and medical insurance
- Use of hotel facilities

The tour kit is now included in this price, therefore the tour cost has increased slightly. In previous years, we have had local companies sponsor our kits, reducing the cost to parents overall. If you are interested in sponsoring the kit please get in touch.

The trip is being run in conjunction with SLT travel who are a reputable firm used by a large number of schools in this area. The trip will be fully risk assessed. Please note however, that the Trip is not eligible for pupil premium funding.

Based on the calibre of students we are taking, I am confident that this trip will be successful and fun for all. However; if between now and the beginning of March 2024 concerns are raised about a student's behaviour that potentially puts themselves or others at risk, the student's parents will be advised and worst case scenario the student will be withdrawn from the trip and a percentage of monies paid refunded. May I also take this opportunity to remind all parents that it is crucial that students participating in the trip enjoy playing football/netball at a competitive level and there is an expectation that students participate in weekly training sessions.

The payment schedule for the remaining balance of £760 is as follows:

- £50 by Friday 13th October
- £150 by Monday 6th November
- £150 by Monday 27th November
- £150 by Monday 11th December
- £260 by Monday 29th January 2024 (remaining balance)

We ask that you use the ParentPay payment system to follow the payment schedule.

We have tried to spread these instalments the best we can. You can, of course, pay in advance of these deadlines, but it is imperative that all payments are made according to the schedule. We have to meet strict payment deadlines to the tour operator and if we miss them it could jeopardise the trip. There are no contingencies to cover for missing payments or withdrawals from the trip.

As we have now secured the places with the tour operator, if at this stage your child decides they no longer want to attend, you will lose your non-refundable deposit unless we can secure the place with a replacement.

Not included in the price:

- Drinks in resort
- Food and drink during the transport to and from the destination.
- Spending money

You should also ensure that your child has a full valid Passport with at least 6 months remaining on it. If you have a UK European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) it should be valid until the expiry date on the card. Once it expires, you'll need to apply for a GHIC to replace it. The UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) lets you get state healthcare in the EU at a reduced cost or sometimes for free. You can apply using the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

We will be arranging a meeting for students and parents in the spring term of 2024 to confirm further details and itineraries. In the meanwhile, if you have any questions, students can see myself or their team manager

Yours faithfully



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