

### **School Sport Tour to Barcelona – 9 to 15 April 2023**

Dear Parent / Guardian

We are delighted to offer your son/daughter an opportunity to participate in the annual sports tour to Spain. We have ran the tour for many years and it has proven to be very popular and successful and something that students will remember for years to come. The activities on offer are boys Football, girls Football and girls Netball. The tour sees the students take part in coaching sessions delivered by professional coaches, a game against Spanish opposition, a tournament against other English Schools and excursions while we are out there including a visit to the Nou Camp and also the biggest theme park in Europe; FortAventura.

We have been working really hard to secure this year's tour due to dramatic price rises due to the pandemic. We have been able to find a suitable price that offers value for money and the tour really is action packed. In order to keep value for money we will, at this moment in time, be travelling by coach. We will also be undertaking some fundraising activities throughout the year that will contribute to the tour.

The tour is being organised by **Masterclass Sports Tours** ([www.MasterClassTours.co.uk](http://www.MasterClassTours.co.uk)) a fully ATOL and ABTA bonded tour operator (this means the money you pay for the tour is safe even if the travel company should fail) and an **Information Evening** will be held before we depart to discuss the final arrangements.

There are **only limited places available** for the tour and these will be allocated on a **strictly first come first served basis. If the trip is full, we will have a list of reserves; if we are then able to fill up another team then we will do that.** The cost of the tour is £635 spread over 4 payments, which are spread to make it easier for you. There will also be a £40 contribution towards the tour kit but this will be raised by doing a sponsored event. ***The total price that will appear on parent pay is £675.***

The suggested payment structure will be as follows:

**Initial deposit to secure a place by Friday 8 July 2022 - £150**

**2<sup>nd</sup> deposit to be paid by Friday 9 September 2022 - £200**

**3<sup>rd</sup> deposit to be paid by Friday 2 December 2022 - £200**

**Final deposit to be paid by Friday 10 February 2023 - £125**

We are using the parentpay system so your child doesn't need to bring money into school. All parents have received a letter explaining the system so once an account has been opened for your child then payments can be made by selecting the Barcelona Sports Tour trip. The trip will be active on [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

It is also important to understand that we reserve the right to refuse to take your child should they be involved in any incidents relating to their behaviour, attitude or attendance (above 96% unless there are medical reasons), between the time of the deposit being paid and to the trip running, with the possibility of no refund. The set criteria that the student must reach is:

***1 – Attendance – above 96% (above 96% unless there are medical reasons)***

***2 – Average attitude to learning 2.4 or lower.***

***3 – Punctuality – no more than 15 late marks between time of advertising and time of travel.***

***4 – Truancy – no truancy at all***

***5 – Internal Exclusions – No more than 1***

***6 – Fixed Term Exclusions – No Fixed term exclusions.***

We **will not** accept anyone on the tour that hasn't met our expectations or that we consider to be unsuitable to represent the school in a foreign country.

Each child is required to have a valid and up to date passport at the time of travel. There is also an expectation for all student's to participate in regular training sessions at school, in the build up to the tour.

If your child chooses to drop out after making payments, there will be no refund unless a suitable reserve can be found. There is also an expectation that those going on tour attend regular training sessions in their chosen sport.

***Each year students receive personalised high quality Nike tour kit; including a training top, playing top, tracksuit top and shorts, socks or leggings for netball. To save adding this to the price of the tour we participate in a sponsored event where it is the student's responsibility to raise a minimum of £40. This will be used to help pay for this kit and it can then be worn in PE lessons on their return to school.***

***In order to reduce the cost of the trip, any money raised over this £40 will then be deducted from the final payment. The students that are more proactive can greatly reduce the cost of the tour and we advise them to do so. For example; a student last year managed to raise £175. This meant that after the £40 contribution for the kit their final deposit was £0!. You will be responsible for collecting this money in and clearing the balance on ParentPay.***

Please complete the reply slip below if you wish to secure a place. By doing so, you understand and accept the terms and conditions mentioned in the letter.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Rosling  
**Tour Party Leader**

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**Please complete tear-off slip and return to Mr N Rosling**

I would like to reserve a place for my son/daughter to attend the sports tour to Barcelona. An initial £150 deposit will be paid on the [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) system.

Chosen Activity: Boys Football

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Girls Football:

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Netball:

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I understand that the school has the right to refuse a place on the trip if my fails to meet the expectations criteria set out in the letter.

Name of son/daughter .....

Form .....

Signed parent/caror .....

Date ..... ..