

Dear Parent/Carer

As a Physical Education Department we are delighted to announce that we will be running another international sports tour for Netball and Rugby in 2023. The tour usually consists of an 11- 13 day tour and will be departing in July 2023. Exact dates and location will follow soon. We are intending to travel through Living With The Lions Sports Tours.

The tour is open to our current Year 8 and 9 boys for rugby and girls for netball, who will be in Year 9 and 10 at the time of travel. In terms of selection, we are looking for students who; have a passion for netball or rugby; are prepared to commit to academy sport and have an interest in experiencing a different culture. In addition to this criteria, we will also be considering how a student conducts themselves around the Academy. This is important, as on an international tour, a student is given a level of trust and responsibility for their own behaviour, especially being so far away from home.

Destinations have previously included South Africa and Malaysia. We intend to travel to a similar destination in 2023. The tour will involve four fixtures and various trips and excursions, which aim to provide the tour party with experiences that portray the destinations' culture and environment. To view the 2019 tour itinerary to Malaysia, please go to the PE SharePoint page and click on the Event tab, then open the Malaysia Tour folder. Or click this link: LSST PE - Malaysia Tour 2019 - All Documents (sharepoint.com)

At this current moment in time the price of the tour will be approximately £2200. Once tour numbers have been finalised and an official booking made with LWTL, a more accurate price range will be given. However, I would like to take the opportunity to clearly state that the cost of the tour does not include any vaccinations, some of the meals, spending money and sports kit. Typically, the sports kit costs a minimum of £100 and students take around £200 to cover food and spending money.

We see the 2023 International Sports Tour as another fantastic opportunity for our students to experience sport and culture in a different country and take home life long memories from what promises to be a once in a lifetime experience.

Once we have finalised a destination, we will be holding an information evening for interested students and their parents. This meeting will last approximately 45 minutes and is an ideal opportunity to ask any questions you may have regarding costs and activities. To express your interest in your child applying for the tour, please email <u>drhill@prioryacademies.co.uk</u> by 26th November 2021. Please ensure you identify the name and form of your child in this email.

Yours faithfully

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