

Dear Student and Parent/Carer,

As a Physical Education Department we are delighted to announce that we will be running a **Netball and Rugby Tour to Malaysia in 2019**. The tour will consist of a **13 day tour departing in July 2019, in the last week of the academic year**. 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 and rugby, are prepared to commit to academy netball and rugby and have an interest in experiencing a different culture**. In addition to these criteria, we would also be considering how a student conducts themselves around the Academy. This is obviously important, as on an international tour, a student is given a certain level of trust and responsibility and for their own behaviour. **All teaching staff at the Academy are consulted during the selection process**.

The tour will involve **four fixtures** against Malaysian opposition and various trips and excursions which aim to provide the tour party with experiences that portray the Malaysian culture and environment. **At this current moment in time** the price of the tour will be **approximately £1915**. 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 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.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you of the payment structure. Once selected for the tour, an initial deposit of £300 (non refundable) will be requested. From this point, the cost will be divided into instalments which will need to be paid promptly.

In November 2018 the travel company will ask for 50% of the total cost (from this point, that money will be non refundable). In March 2019 the travel company will ask for the remaining balance (from this point, that money will be non refundable). The academy also reserves the right to withdraw a student from the tour if it is felt that their behaviour will put them or other students in danger whilst on tour. All measures and support procedures will be put in place and this is a last resort. However, at the time of withdrawal, the money already transferred to the tour company would not be refunded.

To register interest in the tour please could parents/carers **complete the return slip** at the bottom of this letter and students should write a letter explaining why they think they should be selected, why they want to go and how they hope to benefit from the tour experience. These should be **returned to Mrs Bentley in the PE Office no later than Friday 8th December 2017**. The tour squad will be announced on Friday 15th December 2017. Should you be successful, the £300 deposit will be required by 20th January 2018.

We see the 2019 Malaysia 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. If you have any questions regarding this letter or the tour at this current stage then please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Bentley
Malaysia tour manager

For the attention of Mrs Bentley, PE Office by Friday 8th December 2017.
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would like to apply for a place on the 2019 Netball and Rugby tour to Malaysia.

Signed.....Date.....