

Dear Student and Parent/Carer,

As a Physical Education Department we are delighted to announce that we will be running another sports tour, this time to **Malaysia for Netball and Rugby in 2019.** The tour will consist of a **13 day tour departing in the last week of the academic year, July 2019.** Exact dates will follow after a full booking reservation has been made. 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.

The tour will involve 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 £2000**. 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 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.

We will be holding an information evening for interested students and their parents on **Wednesday 29th November 2017 in the Old School Hall at 5.30pm.** This meeting will last approximately 45 minutes and is an ideal opportunity to ask any questions you may have regarding costs and activities. Any parents or students that are interested but cannot attend may request details of the tour via email. Please email <u>kbentley@prioryacademies.co.uk</u> to ensure that you receive this information.

Yours faithfully

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