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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to the new term and for those who travelled to Sherborne, I hope you enjoyed the matches. The 16B's suffered a narrow defeat, but I think played some of the best rugby they've put together as a team, while the A's were too inconsistent at times, but for brief spells showed what they can do. For those who present for the 1st XV match, wow! A great game for the neutral, some mind blowing rugby. When we hit our stride with our forward platform and attacking backline it's hard to see many getting past us this season. With so many younger players in the fold it bodes well for next season and the tour.

I am pleased to provide you with some unconfirmed dates, but these are pretty certain. I do not intend to be returning later than the 4th August and so if they do move, it will be a day or two earlier.

International Flights

19/07/2017 - London / Hong Kong

22/07/2017 - Hong Kong / Cairns

03/08/2017 - Sydney / London

Internal Flights

27/07/2017 - Proserpine > Brisbane/Gold Coast

31/07/2017 - Gold Coast > Sydney

I have offered the tour to those boys coming in to the 6th form from outside BWS, and we have one external boy who intends to come for 6th form next year, who was present for the U16's pre-season and in fact scored for us! If there is anyone else that you know of in a similar situation who would like to tour, please encourage them to get in touch. However I will be closing the tour at the end of September to allow us to confirm numbers and book flights. Currently with 33 boys we have enough for two teams, just, but I would imagine at times we may play 10's or split half games to allow all boys maximum opportunity to play at the correct level and showcase their talents.

I can confirm that The Cathedral School, Townsville who we will be staying with, intend to play and stay with us in September 2017 which is fantastic news following their successful visit last year when I know a number of you kindly hosted boys.

Our fundraising efforts have yielded significant reward thus far, but we are still some way off our target total. I realise there is a group of parents driving this and I thank them for their efforts. While I hope others will support what is on, I do hope you will encourage your boys to also do their bit - finding a sponsor, helping run an event already organised or run their own.



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Unfortunately the boat trip has risen in cost compared to previous years and so although we can just about stretch to cover it, this will mean less funds for meals and any other hidden extras without extra funds raised. If all boys can pull together and put something in the pot this will contribute to those extras, as well as food, and this will lessen their personal expenditure while on the tour.

I am in the process of finalising kit designs and excursions will be booked in the new year. The time is flying by and so I do hope we can all get on board with the various efforts in place to ensure the boys the best of times while out there without having to dig too much further into pockets.

I look forward to seeing many of you on the sidelines over the next few months, and I wish the boys all the best in the start to the new school year.

Best wishes

Richard Demain-Griffiths
Director of Sport