

Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

<u>Japan 2019</u>

It is now only 3 weeks before we depart for Japan. The preparation for the tour continues to go well and we now look set to have an enjoyable yet demanding two weeks of rugby.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to our final meeting on **Thursday 11 July** at **7.00 pm** in the **Dining Hall** and inform you about some important information and arrangements that have been and will be put into place before, during and after the tour.

Please find attached a kit list for the tour; a lot will be distributed on the evening if boys have not already collected it.

Most forms have been signed and returned, on the evening however I will require you to also complete an alcohol permission form, a behaviour form and also an age dispensation form allowing boys to play up as required by the RFU. I also need all passports to be handed in. A finalised itinerary will be included in the pack at the meeting, with all key times and contacts. If you cannot make the evening I will email out the required paperwork, please ensure passports are brought in promptly if not on the evening.

The cost of all activities and excursions has been covered, however boys will require money for snacks and drinks. I would hope we are able to cover/subsidise the majority of meals, especially when all together on an excursion day. Boys may also require money if they wish to take part in extra excursions if time permits that are outside the tour itinerary. I personally work on £100 a week, plus £50-£100 contingency, so £250-£300 in total to cover, snacks, excursion extras and gifts for parents! Japan works largely in cash so some Yen to take and a cash card of some sort would be advisable.

During the tour all players and staff will be covered by the Bishop Wordsworth's School insurance policy that covers the party for all activities and a copy can be found on our website. If you feel that you wish to take out an additional policy then please feel free to do so. If you have decided to take out an extra policy then please could you make sure that your son has all the necessary details with him during the tour.

I'd like to personally thank all of the parents who have supported the tour and those in particular who have sponsored us or organised and run events to raise a substantial pot of money that will heavily subsidise the little extras on tour.

If you have any questions regarding the tour that you require answering before the meeting please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Japan 2019 – Kit List

Below is a list of items boys are to take with them on tour. Everything with a star^{*} is provided. There are a few items that have not been included in tour kit and boys will be expected to provide these themselves.

• Travel (Air and Coach):

Tour polo shirt* Blue Tsunami tracksuit bottoms 1 x Suitcase (23kg max) ANY EXCESS PAID FOR BY THE INDIVIDUAL 1 x Hand luggage*

• Playing/Training

Tsunami tour match/training shirt (x 3, rugby, football & basketball)* TEAM BWS t-shirt (or any other suitable BWS kit) Blue Tsunami shorts x 2 + additional shorts for training Blue Tsunami match day socks + additional socks for training Trainers/Boots (bring appropriate boots/studs) <u>MUST BE CLEANED OF ALL MUD</u> Blue Tsunami tracksuit bottoms Blue Tsunami Hoodie Skins Mouth guard* (provided by OPRO if returned in time) Kit bag* Electric tape for socks (tape for strapping provided, lineout jumpers need blocks)

• After match

Tour polo* Smart navy chinos (not Love Island/Robin Hood skinny) Smart brown belt Smart brown shoes

• Activities and excursions

Appropriate casual wear (temperatures range between 20 °C - 30 °C Flowery shirt Comfy/sensible footwear Swim wear and towel (no budgie smugglers)

• Additional extras

Sun-screen/After sun (can purchase on tour) Hat Wash bag Personal compact first aid kit (including multivitamins, dioralyte, ibuprofen, paracetamol) Personal medication Electrical items are taken at boys own risk! Plug adaptors Personalised water bottle Personalised Lego man Spending money Travel clothes wash (in case short of time to wash items) Bed sheet/pillow case (optional home comfort)