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Dear Parents/Guardians

MULTISPORTS TOUR TO JAPAN – SUMMER 2019

May I first apologise for my delay in updating you on the tour so far, however I am now pleased to announce that we have confirmed our tour provider and will be travelling with Living with the Lions.

We have been working hard to ensure that the current itinerary (not fully finalised, nor dates confirmed) is as close to that proposed. With 37 boys confirmed across the three sports we have a great tour party assembled so far, with still more to join. The current itinerary is attached for your viewing, and as a staff we are very excited by the prospect of what will be a fantastic experience for all involved.

Itinerary

A couple of points I should draw your attention to;

1. We will be unable to summit Mt Fuji due to the costs involved, but will still head up the mountain to its fifth station and the Fuji-Q-Highlands theme park.
2. The trip is not quite full board, we will need to source some of our lunches, but all breakfasts and dinners are included.
3. Due to the crossover of boys on the trip in terms of their sports we have had to think carefully about fixtures. This is not set in stone, but currently to ensure plenty of sport and competition there are days with two rugby teams which we would hope most if not all would take the opportunity to play (not compulsory), then on the other days there is one rugby team alongside the football and basketball – this facilitates all three sports having 1st teams on the trip, while also allowing for a 2nd XV rugby side – rugby being the primary choice of the majority of tourists.

Fundraising/Sponsorship

With the trip now confirmed and a little over 18 months to go, it is now that we start thinking about fundraising and sponsorship. These additional funds as mentioned previously will allow the tour as opposed to the boys to pay for lunches, the end of tour meal and any other extras we are able to organise. My personal hope is that we can see a Rugby World Cup tester match should one coincide with our visit.

There are three avenues I wish to pursue;

1. Each tourist secures a £100 sponsor who will be named next to them in the tour program (I am seeking a tourist or parent who could put this together).
2. A fundraising committee of parents is formed to lead events and raise funds, previously we have held race nights, quiz nights, fashion shows etc.
3. One or two of the tourists are able to secure a major sponsor, for whom we would print their name/logo on the playing or training kit which would be worn by the boys while on the tour and beyond.

As previous I would like to make clear that there will be no reduction in the tour cost as a result of fundraising/sponsorship.

If you would be interested in being a part of a committee or have any ideas that you would like to put forward please do get in touch with me via my email at the bottom of the page. Similarly if you're interested in sponsorship or know of anyone who might be, please get in touch.

Training

All boys regardless of sport are invited to attend additional fitness training:

Tuesdays 1600-1700 SWGS Athletics Track – Sprint training

Thursdays 1200-1240 Harnham Hill – Anaerobic hill work

Every day 1020-1040 Sports Hall – Athletic Development (power/core/prehab circuits)

Payment Plan

The total cost of the trip is £3100 and payment will be due by 15 March 2019. Please find below the proposed payment schedule for the trip based on the requirements set out by the tour company. Should you have any concerns regarding this or need to make alternative arrangements, please contact the finance office amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk

- £200 by 28 February 2018
- £200 by 31 March 2018
- £200 by 30 April 2018
- £200 by 31 May 2018
- £200 by 30 June 2018
- £200 by 31 July 2018
- £200 by 31 August 2018
- £200 by 30 September 2018
- £200 by 31 October 2018
- £200 by 30 November 2018
- £200 by 31 December 2018
- £200 by 31 January 2019
- £200 by 28 February 2019
- £190 by 15 March 2019

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any aspect of the tour or if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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