

1 November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Sports Tour – Holland (Football and Netball)**

I am pleased to say we have 44 students and 5 staff signed up for the Holland Tour in April 2023 and we are looking forward to what is involved. I wanted to write to you with some updates for the tour.

As you know the tour will be run through Absolute Travel who have been running sports tours for the past 30 years. Absolute Travel are now in the process of sorting our itinerary and also accommodation. Below is an overview of what is booked and also key information for you, if there are any questions please get in touch with me.

**Dates:** Mon 3 April 2023 to Friday 7 April 2023 (4 nights)

**Destination:** Limburgse Peel, Holland.

[http://www.centerparcs.com/gb-en/netherlands/fp\\_LH\\_holiday-park-limburgse-peel](http://www.centerparcs.com/gb-en/netherlands/fp_LH_holiday-park-limburgse-peel)

**Accommodation:** Center Parcs Limburgse Peel (6-berth cottages).

**Meal Plan:** Full board.

**Travel / Transfers:** Executive coach transportation throughout.  
Return channel crossings.



### **Sports Activities:**

2 day sports festival including:

2 x guest coaching sessions per squad in chosen sport

Festival matches/games with other British/Dutch schools.

Other Inclusions: Absolute Sports Travel 'Sports School rep team'.

### **Passports & Visas:**

All pupil will need to travel with a valid Passport.

**UK passports** will need to have been issued within the previous 10 years from the start of our trip and have at least 3 months validity beyond the end of the tour. This means the passport must not run out until end of July 2023.

**Non-UK passport holders** should check with the relevant authorities for any Visa or other entry requirements.

Please let me know if you have any problems with passports/visas as we will need to give this information to Absolute travel.

### **GHIC (& EHIC):**

Everyone should travel with a UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). A GHIC gives you the right to access state-provided health care during a temporary stay in the European Union (EU). A UK-issued European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is still valid until the expiry date on the card and offers the same cover as a GHIC in the EU. This is not an alternative to travel insurance, which is included in the cost of the trip. Apply for a GHIC online at <https://www.ghic.org.uk>.

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**Travel Insurance:**

Absolutes specially designed travel insurance is included in our package. You can view the policy documents at <https://www.absolutetravel.co.uk/info-zone/travel-aware>.

**Special Requirements:**

Please immediately advise us of any special requirements needed for your son/daughter so that we can try to help with any additional requests or arrangements in good time and to liaise with Absolute on your behalf.

**FCDO Travel Advice:**

For further information and up to date travel advice, please visit the Government website at <https://travelaware.campaign.gov.uk/>.

**Travel Health Advice:**

Visit the Travel Health Pro website for information and resources of the National Travel Health Network and Centre (NaTHNaC) at <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/>.

**COVID-19:**

For details of Absolute Travel's COVID-19 Promise, please visit <https://www.absolutetravel.co.uk/covid-19>.

**Accommodation:**

Standard self-catering villas each with a fully equipped kitchen, living room and family bathroom. This will be based on up to 6 people sharing a villa each with staff villas in-between students. The accommodation includes sheets, duvet covers & pillow cases. I will be seeing students this week to work out who would like to share with who.

**Preparation for playing in Holland:**

We would really like students to attend a practice club – please see below.

Mondays – Netball practice for Y9, Y10 & Y11 students in the Sports Hall with Mrs Duncalf

Wednesdays – Football practice for Y9, Y10 & Y11 students on the Astro with Mr Marucci and Mr Rampling

Below is a reminder of the payment schedule for the remainder of the money, but of course if easier this could be paid in full.

Instalment 1: £75.00 paid with thanks  
Instalment 2: £150.00 due by 22/07/2022  
Instalment 3: £150.00 due by 30/09/2022  
Instalment 4: £150.00 due by 25/11/2022  
Instalment 5: £125.00 due by 10/02/2023

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate contact me by emailing [m.rampling@voy.hslt.academy](mailto:m.rampling@voy.hslt.academy) or by phoning (01904 560000).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Rampling'.

**Mr M Rampling**

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