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Dear Families

## **Sotogrande Sports Tour Easter 2019**

I am pleased to announce the following information regarding the proposed Sports Tour to Sotogrande, Spain in 2019. It is our intention to take a party of Year 8 and 9 students to Sotogrande and Gibraltar for a 5 day tour. These students will have the opportunity to play fixtures against local clubs and schools and participate in training sessions lead by professional team coaches in each of the four sports. The proposed departure date will be Saturday 6 April or Sunday 7 April. The dates will be finalised once numbers are confirmed.

Sotogrande in the Andalucía region of southern Spain is one of the highest quality multi-sport destinations in Europe. This region has a beautiful climate and sunshine for much of the year as well as an impressive sports infrastructure, including world class golf courses, tennis clubs, water sports, and high quality grass and artificial pitches. InspireSport have an exclusive partnership with Sotogrande International School (SIS), which has excellent indoor and outdoor facilities, and is home to Golf and Football Academies. Sotogrande is also located very close to Gibraltar which is home to a large number of international schools and many of these play the main UK team sports including football, netball, hockey and rugby.

The main sports facilities in Gibraltar are the multi-purpose Victoria Stadium and the Tercentenary Sports Centre including water-based hockey fields. Through discussions with the tour company InspireSport regarding facilities, club sports and standards of competition it has been decided to offer Rugby, Netball, Football and Hockey for this particular tour. There is flexibility among these sports for squads to be reduced or increased but until I have final numbers this cannot be specifically decided.

Any student who has selected to study or is interested in studying GCSE Physical Education can be assessed whilst on tour as part of their practical sports. I would also like to point out that, as with NGB ruling, only 2 consecutive year groups will be playing together which is why this tour is for current Year 8 & 9 students.

The cost of the tour is currently £809, based on a minimum of 60 students, and is subject to change depending on numbers touring and will include:

Flights & Taxes:	Return flights to Spain or Gibraltar (including all airport, airline and Government taxes).
Baggage:	Airport transfers in Spain; Baggage allowance of 15kg or 20kg depending on airline (Hold Luggage).
Hotel:	4 nights in 4* hotel accommodation (based on 2-4 sharing, subject to availability);



	Full board to include dinner on day 1 and lunch on final day (buffet style);
	Evening entertainment at hotel;
Fixtures and training:	3 professional coaching sessions per sport - Netball, Hockey, Rugby & Football;
	2 x pre-arranged match per squad against similar standard opposition (2 per sport);
Excursions:	Visit Gibraltar with Cable Car to Upper Rock and Bowling;
Facilities:	Use of the Resort facilities for all training;
	Free use of complex's sports and leisure facilities
Transportation:	Transfers to and from training.

The following is excluded from the tour total and will be an additional cost to all students.

- Tour Kit: Playing kit, after match polo shirt and travelling hoody; the total for this will be confirmed once we have numbers;
- Personal Items such as telephone calls, gifts for opposition;
- Entry Visa: Where required by certain nationalities;
- Transport to and from the airport in the UK.

I do understand that the cost of the tour is a lot of money for some families and I hope that we may be able to look at possible opportunities to fundraise or secure sponsorship for part of the total cost. It will be compulsory for all students on the tour to participate in any fundraising activities which will be arranged during this time. All the monies raised through fundraising and sponsorship will contribute towards a reduction in the total cost of the tour.

The initial deposit for the tour is £100 which should be made by cheque, payable to Teddington School. Please return this in a clearly marked envelope addressed to Miss McGrandles along with the completed reply slip by 9.00am on Wednesday 4 July.

This is not a first come first served allocation of places and the criteria for students participation is on an attached sheet. If there are insufficient numbers then the deposit cheques will be destroyed and, after any trials, cheques for unsuccessful students will also be destroyed.

After confirmations of a place please note your deposit is non-refundable unless a student is found to take the place of the student withdrawing. In the event of the tour being cancelled due to lack of numbers a full refund of any monies paid will be made.

Yours faithfully

*Alison McGrandles*

Miss A McGrandles  
Curriculum Leader PE and Sports Tour Organiser