Senior Girls

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February 2019



For Boys and Girls aged 4 to 18 years

Dear Parents,

South Africa Sports Tour 2021

Following the enormous success of our sports tours to Australia in 1999, South Africa in 2001, New Zealand and Fiji in 2005, Australia and Fiji in 2009, Canada in 2014 and Australia and Singapore 2018, I have decided to put together a tour to South Africa that will take place in the Summer of 2021.

The tour is provisionally planned to depart 9th July 2021 and will return 18/19 days later. The itinerary includes sightseeing, fixtures and hosting whilst travelling around South Africa. The tour will end with a two-day game drive in Hluhluwe before flying back to Manchester.

Letters are available to girls to take home from the current Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 who will be in Year 10, 11, Lower and Upper Sixth when we depart. The tour in South Africa will include hockey and netball fixtures as well as many opportunities for sightseeing. It is intended that 5/6 members of staff will accompany a maximum party size of 40 girls. If applications are in excess of this number, preference will be given to more senior girls who would not have another opportunity to go during their time in school. Additionally, places would also only be given to girls with a high standard of commitment to training as part of the tour squads and who are exemplary in their conduct in school.

Sports tours such as these take a great deal of planning and organisation and I am keen to start the preparations as soon as possible.

The cost of the tour is £3500. Girls wishing to be considered for the tour should hand in an initial cheque deposit of £350. You should note that upon acceptance to the trip the first deposits are forwarded to the tour company and are non-refundable. Cheques should be made payable to "Merchant Taylors' Girls' School" and handed to Mrs Barker in an envelope clearly marked with South Africa 2021, your daughter's name and form. Due to time constraints, if you would like your daughter to be considered for the trip, deposits should be paid before **Friday 15th March 2019**. Starting in April 2019, 24 monthly payments of £131.25 should be paid by direct debit into the school account with payments finishing in April 2021. This cost also has a built in contingency fund, which after the trip will be returned to parents if unused.

With that in mind, I would like to invite all girls and their parents to attend a Sports Tour 2021 Launch Evening where there will be an opportunity to find out further details regarding the South Africa Sports Tour. The Launch Evening will take place on **Tuesday 26th February starting at 6pm**.

An opportunity to tour is often a once in a lifetime experience when girls are able to enjoy their sport at the very highest level and at the same time establish lifelong friendships with people from different cultures.

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If you would like to find out more about this tour please complete the attached reply slip for our Launch Evening on **Tuesday 26th February starting at 6pm.**

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Barker PE Teacher

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Hockey and Netball Sports Tour to South Africa 2021 Launch Evening Reply Slip to Mrs L Barker

Daughter's Name Form

I/We would like to attend the South Africa Sports Tour 2021 Launch Evening on **Tuesday 26th February starting at 6pm** in the Centenary Hall at MTGS with my/our daughter.

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

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