

# Sponne School

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19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

## Priority Offer of Place on the Spain 2020 Sports Tour

The Physical Education department are proposing to take students on a 5 day trip to Spain for a sports tour in May 2020. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their skills within their own sport as well as experiencing a new sports culture by playing against local teams in Spain.

As a result of your son's/daughter's continued commitment to extra-curricular sport practices and also due to them representing Sponne School in Rugby (Years 7,8,9), Netball (Years 8,9) and Basketball (Year 7) we would like to offer them the opportunity of a place on this trip before making it available to other students.

The trip will be overseen by MasterClass Tours, an established company specialising in overseas sports tours. Alongside MasterClass staff, students will be given a range of opportunities across the 5 days we are abroad. The proposed timing of the trip is from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (half term week).

## Tour itinerary

The exact timings and details will be finalised upon booking with MasterClass Tours. However, the proposal for the trip will include the following:

- Return flights to/from a UK airport to Barcelona airport.
- Return coach travel to and from the airport.
- Full board accommodation including breakfast, packed lunch and hot meal (drinks are an additional cost).
- A quality training programme for the Rugby, Netball and Basketball teams lead by qualified coaches throughout the trip.
- 2x boys rugby fixtures and 2x girls basketball fixtures (against Spanish opposition).
  - NOTE – Netball squads will not play vs. local opposition due to the sport not being played in Spain.
- Extended coaching sessions for the Netball squads due to not playing local opposition.
- A netball tournament vs. other schools travelling with MasterClass Tours (*Tournament entry is subject to there being suitable competition. If there is not, they will receive additional coaching*).
- Travel to and from fixtures and excursions.
- Awards presentations, disco and evening entertainment.
- Excursion to Port Aventura Theme Park.
- Excursion to Barcelona.
- Excursion - Nou Camp Stadium Tour.
- Full medical and travel insurance for the duration of the trip.
- The tour company we are using, “**MasterClass Sports**” are both ABTA and ATOL protected.

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Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May:

- Coach from Sponne to check in at the airport – airport TBC.
- Flight to Barcelona.
- Check into the 3\* hotel – full board.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May:

- Excursion – Port Aventura Theme Park – full day.
- Quiz night.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May:

- MasterClass coaching session (Rugby, Netball and Basketball squads).
- Rugby and Basketball squads travel in the afternoon to play against local sides (1<sup>st</sup> fixture).
- Karaoke night.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May:

- MasterClass coaching session (Rugby, Netball and Basketball squads).
- Netball squad will play in a MasterClass tournament vs. English schools.
- Rugby and Basketball squads travel in the afternoon to play against local sides (2<sup>nd</sup> fixture).
- Awards presentation and disco in the evening.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May:

- Full day in Barcelona.
- Excursion – Nou Camp Stadium Tour.
- Transfer in the afternoon to Barcelona Airport for our return flight.
- Coach return to Sponne School.

The cost of the trip will be £825.00.

We are able to take 60 students on this trip and we anticipate that interest will be high. Early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

**Please be advised that to secure a place for your son/daughter, we must receive the first payment of £150 by no later than Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of July if there are any spaces left, we will make the trip available to other students and it will then be on a basis of first come, first served.**

We kindly request that by securing a place on this trip, parents/carers are in agreement to follow the Payment Plan detailed below. It is important that the Plan is adhered to as it enables School to be able to fulfil an arranged commitment with the tour operator to pay invoices in instalments. It is also designed to spread the cost for parents before the final date so that a large sum does not become due in one instalment.

Place securing first deposit	£155	no later than 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Second payment	£150	by end of August
Followed by	£130	by end of Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec

The trip is now open and active on Tucasi Schools Cash Office for all eligible students. If you wish your son / daughter to go on this trip, you must give your consent by ticking the consent box on the TSCO payment page. Click on the name of the trip highlighted in green, enter the payment amount, tick the Permission Slip box, add to basket and proceed to payment. A payment of **£155.00** will be required by **10<sup>th</sup> July** to confirm their place. Please be aware that if insufficient funds are received or if numbers of students are too low, it may be necessary to cancel the trip.

All payments should be made via Schools Cash Office. If you require any assistance, please contact Claire Invernizzi [cinvnizzi@sponne.org.uk](mailto:cinvnizzi@sponne.org.uk) on 01327 350284 ext 106.

Please be advised that should a place be booked for your son/daughter and they later withdraw, we always endeavour to find a replacement student for the place. However if this is not possible, Masterclass will retain a minimum of the first deposit amount (£150) and up to 100% of the trip price depending on the date of withdrawal.

Should concerns be raised by school staff regarding behaviour or attendance issues of students, the school reserves the right to withdraw places on the trip at any time. Should this become necessary, any refunds of monies paid will be as per the above paragraph.

Please contact Mr Hollamby or Mrs Wade in the PE Department with any specific trip detail queries.

This is an exciting opportunity for students and we look forward to welcoming your son/daughter on the trip.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr. J. Hollamby and Mrs. F. Wade**  
**PE Department**