

JMR/TDY

21 February 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Cricket Tour to Grenada (West Indies) – Easter 2019**

As a valued member of Northampton School *for Boys* cricket set up, we are inviting your son to join a 14-man touring party to represent the school on a cricket tour of Grenada (West Indies) in the Easter holiday of 2019. The touring party will be made up of students from a range of year groups based on experience in the sport.

Your son will have access to a once in a lifetime opportunity to play cricket against some of the rising talent from the Caribbean, as well as enjoy the wide range of cultural experiences available. In total we have been to the West Indies over 10 times with cricket teams and are, therefore, able to ensure not just a fantastic opportunity but also at the most affordable price.

Touring the Caribbean is not cheap; however, the opportunities it provides are unrivalled. The cost of the tour is **£2075** for each student. This covers return flights with British Airways, accommodation for 11 days, match fees and teas, tour clothing and equipment, access to training facilities in Grenada (including the National Stadium), a Jeep Safari, tours of the island, as well as food and drink.

We will look to forge a real team ethic amongst the touring party before we go, where the boys will have a number of training sessions with specialist coaches from Northants County Cricket Club, as well as opportunities to develop skillsets outside of the sport. In addition to this, the boys will partake in a range of fundraising activities to raise an additional £9k towards the cost of the tour. We will need some support sponsorship so if there are any parents out there who can help with that or know people that can help, I would love to hear from you.

Former students look back fondly at their experience of Northampton School for Boys cricket tours, which give students an excellent opportunity to demonstrate teamwork, motivation and leadership qualities. These skills are valued increasingly by both universities and employers, and it is why we place an emphasis on students fundraising for this tour.

There will be an Introduction Evening for parents on **Tuesday 27 February at 17:30 in G1** (please enter via Main Reception), where more of the logistics of the tour will be discussed, as well as a payment plan. I would encourage all parents considering sending their son on this trip to attend this meeting. This will give you an opportunity to see what the boys will be doing, as well as asking any questions before the deadline for confirmation of the tour (along with a **£400** non-refundable deposit) by **Monday 5 March**. The deposit and payments can be paid via Parent Pay once we have names of interested students and these have been set up on the finance system.

Once the touring party has been confirmed after the 5 March and the initial deposits received, we will be looking to book the flights as soon as possible to enable us to secure the most competitive price.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Marshall  
Coach - NSB Cricket

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**Reply Slip to Mr J Marshall**

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We\* do/do not\* wish to register a firm interest for my/our\* son to go on the Cricket Tour to Grenada at **Easter 2019**.

I/We\* will/will not\* be attending the Introduction Evening on **Tuesday 27 February at 17:30 in G1**. (\*Delete as necessary)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian)

Please Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_