

PBE/TDY

6th November 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Rugby Tour to South Africa 2020

It is my intention to run a rugby tour in July 2020 (post GCSE exams + End of Year 12) if there is sufficient interest amongst the parents of the current squads. This tour will most likely be departing on 19th July 2020 and returning 3rd August for the duration of 16 days (depending on flights +/- 3 Days).

Over the previous decades, NSB have embarked on rugby tours to a variety of destinations including New Zealand, South Africa and Canada. For the forthcoming tour it has been decided to travel to South Africa. This is based on value for money and the experiences available to the players.

We intend to take approximately 40 boys from Year 11 + 12 (at the time of the tour). This will be an excellent way for the boys to develop and build team cohesion, playing with each other prior to the next senior rugby season.

The finer details of the tour programme are still at the planning stage, but in brief it will involve a combination of competitive rugby matches against school sides in the areas we visit, together with associated site-seeing activities and sporting events. The boys will stay at a selection of hotel and hostel accommodation in South Africa. They will also have an experience in Cape Town and be based at all times on the Western Cape.

The cost of the trip will be £2500. However, the fundraising will reduce this cost per person. The more we fundraise the lower the cost for all. This is a high estimate based on the uncertainty of Exchange rates and fluctuation in cost of flights. The final cost following fundraising and adaptations will be between £2200 and £2500. I appreciate the cost of the trip may mean that some families are unable to send their son on the tour. This has been the case at times in the past, it is regrettable but understandable. The tour is not an 'entitlement' trip and as such, unfortunately there is no subsidy available through school to support families with the cost of the trip.

Fundraising is down to the individual players to raise the funds needed to attend. Staff will work with the players in some fundraising events which will subsidise the total price of the trip to all. This will be through a variety of events, including bag packs, sponsored events and a rugby dinner.

This letter of invitation has been sent to the families of all the Year 10 + 11 rugby players who have committed to over 5 games for the school previously.

Payment:

School needs a confirmation reply slip back confirming your child will be attending the tour by **Friday 16th November 2018**.

- **Friday 16th November 2018**
 - £100 (deposit to confirm interest)
- **Friday 19th July 2019**
 - £1000 to confirm flight and tour company (£1100 Total Amount)
- **Friday 14th February 2020**
 - £900 (£2000 Total amount)
- **Friday 3rd July 2020**
 - £500 (£2500 Total amount) **FINAL PAYMENT**

The initial deposit and all transactions must be done via Parent Pay.

Yours sincerely



Mr Phil Beaumont
Teacher I/C Rugby Tour 2020

Reply Slip: - Please return to Mr Beaumont – PE Department

Rugby Tour to South Africa – July 2020

I would like my son to attend the Rugby tour to South Africa in July 2020 and will pay the **£100 deposit by 16/11/2018** and understand the payment schedule required for the full cost of the tour is £2500.

I am also willing to help support my child in the fundraising activities in the build up to the tour.

Name of Student: _____ Form: _____

Signature of (Parent/Guardian): _____