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Northampton School for Boys Rugby South Africa Rugby Tour 2027 – Parent Update

Dear Parents, Carers and Players

As we embark into the rugby preseason and nearly a year to tour, you will find everything starts to ramp up. Preparations continue for our **South Africa Rugby Tour 2027**, I wanted to provide you with an update on the progress we have made and outline the next key milestones as we build towards what promises to be an outstanding tour.

Tour Planning

I am delighted to confirm that we have now secured both our **tour accommodation** and **fixtures**. Working alongside our tour provider, we have developed an itinerary that will provide an exceptional balance of competitive rugby, cultural experiences and opportunities for personal development.

Over the coming months we will continue to refine the finer details of the itinerary, and we look forward to sharing further information with you as plans develop.

Proposed Flight Arrangements

We are currently in the final stages of confirming our international travel arrangements.

The proposed travel dates are:

- **Outbound: Sunday 25 July 2027 – London Heathrow (LHR) to Cape Town (CPT)**
- **Return: Sunday 8 August 2027 – Cape Town (CPT) to London Heathrow (LHR)**

To provide maximum flexibility following GCSE Results Day, **flight bookings will be confirmed seven days after Results Day** in August 2026. This approach allows us to accommodate any unforeseen circumstances while securing the most suitable and best value flights for the group. After this the deposit for the flights will be lost which is a considerable amount.

Once flights have been confirmed, we will circulate a further communication containing:

- Airline and flight numbers
- Departure and arrival times
- Airport terminal information
- Baggage allowances
- Airport meeting arrangements

Fundraising Programme

We are also pleased to confirm a few of our major fundraising events. These events will provide excellent opportunities for tourists to contribute towards reducing the overall cost of the tour while

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developing leadership skills, working together as a squad and giving back to the wider rugby community.

Please make a note of the following dates:

Date	Event
Saturday 11 July 2026	Year 6 & Year 7 Rugby Camp Attendance is expected from all tourists for at least one camp
Friday 18 December 2026 – 1:00pm	Santa Bike Ride & Northampton Saints Steps Challenge (Sponsored Event) Attendance is expected from all tourists
Sunday 7 March 2027	NSB Minis Club Festival – Attendance is expected from all tourists
March 2027 (Date to be Confirmed)	South Africa Tour Dinner at Franklin's Gardens This is aimed at Parents, adults, and the wider community. In the past Parents have either split a table or organised a table each and is a phenomenal evening.
Saturday 10 July 2027	Year 6 & Year 7 Rugby Camp Attendance is expected from all tourists for at least one camp

Further fundraising initiatives may be added throughout the next twelve months, and we would encourage every tourist to support as many events as possible. These occasions are an important part of the tour experience, helping to reduce costs while strengthening the relationships that will underpin a successful tour.

Looking Ahead

Over the coming months you can expect further updates covering:

- Tour kit and sizing April 2027
- Remaining payment schedule
- Training camps and tour preparation events
- Passport and travel documentation requirements
- Parent Information Evening
- Tour handbook
- Final itinerary

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the programme. We are looking forward to sharing this journey with you over the coming year and will continue to keep you informed as further details are confirmed.



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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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