



8 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Possibility of a Barbados trip 18-27 July 2022

It may be possible for us to run a trip to Barbados this academic year for those students who have made an outstanding commitment to extra-curricular cricket and netball, and I write to request that you show an expression of interest by completing and returning the attached form by Monday, 11 October 2021.

The Discovery Educational Trust leadership team will be making an informed decision on the above tour on Wednesday 13 October. If their decision is to go ahead with the trip then a deposit of £250 will be required via ParentPay by Thursday 14 October. There can be no extension to this and we cannot accept any payments after Thursday as we will be making payment to Smile Travel on Friday 15 October to secure the flights that are on hold.

If the tour is approved, and your son or daughter would like to attend, I must make it clear that they will be expected to continue to show their commitment to their extra-curricular sports until we depart for the trip as the level of competition in both sports in Barbados is extremely high.

This exciting trip will allow the young players an opportunity to experience the following:

- Play four local clubs in competitive fixtures including a night T20 match for the 'A' team cricket squad
- Catamaran Cruise with an opportunity for snorkelling with sea turtles
- Island Tour
- Visit to Harrison Caves and Welchman Hall Gully Rainforest
- Day at the Boatyard Beach Party
- Evening at Harbour Lights Beach Extravaganza
- 8-night stay at the Coconut Court Beach Hotel – <https://www.coconut-court.com/>

The cost of the trip, will be approximately **£2095** and will also include flights, transfers, half board accommodation and insurance. We must have all relevant medical details and information relating to your son or daughter. It may be necessary for pre-existing medical conditions to be made known to our insurers and for parents to pay for any resulting additional premium.

I appreciate the concerns you may have about travelling in the current climate; we have attached the terms and conditions of the travel company below to give you the most up to date information about their Covid-19 policy.

We will be in contact about a parental meeting should we gain approval to proceed with the trip.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about this trip please do not hesitate to contact me at drobot@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr D Roberts
Trip Leader

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