



25 September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Barbados Cricket and Netball Tour – May half term 2020

Following the hugely successful trip to Barbados last May, I am pleased to offer the opportunity for your son or daughter to take part in our next Cricket and Netball Tour of Barbados. This trip is open to the **current Year 8 and 9 students** and will take place during the Whitsun half term in May 2020. I must stress, this is a competitive sports trip and those wishing to go should have a keen interest in cricket or netball and will be expected to take part in the school's extra-curricular program in these sports.

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
- A Catamaran Cruise with an opportunity for snorkelling with sea turtles
- Island Tour
- Visit the Harrison Caves and Welchman Hall Gully Rainforest
- Day at the Boatyard Beach Party
- Evening at Harbour Lights Beach Extravaganza
- An eight night stay at the Coconut Court Beach Hotel – <https://www.coconut-court.com>

The cost of the trip, which is **£2011**, includes flights, transfers and half-board accommodation.

Insurance is covered within the cost but we must have all relevant medical details or other relevant 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. The organising tour operator is Smile Group Travel, for information on the company visit <http://www.smile-group-travel.com>

All students will require their own passport, which needs to be valid for at least six months from the return date of the trip. If this is not a UK passport a VISA maybe required, and the school would need to be informed in advance. Further information is available from the foreign office <http://www.fco.gov.uk>.

As with all school trips, Health and Safety is of paramount importance. Invariably on a sporting trip there is a risk of injuries and if needed staff will ensure that the required medical attention will be given. At this time, however, it is necessary to point out some key expectations;

- Students will be required to stay in small groups at all times unless given specific instruction by a member of staff

- Students will have an identified group leader who will be responsible for passports and money during the trip. It is highly recommended that expensive items are not brought on this trip
- There is to be no smoking or drinking alcohol on this trip

If you would like your son or daughter to take part in this trip, please return the attached consent form, together with a non-refundable deposit. The deposit payment is **£211** and needs to be handed in to the Finance Office by **Thursday 4 October 2018**. Cheques to be made payable to St Martins School. There will then be 18 monthly instalments of **£100** to be paid via Parent Pay at the end of each month starting from 31 October 2018 with the final payment to reach us by 30 March 2020.

The deposit is non-refundable if your child is selected, but if your child is not selected your deposit will be returned. If the trip is oversubscribed, then a random ballot will be used to select the successful students and those unsuccessful will then go on a reserve list.

Finally, on the school website at the following address under 'Year 8 Trips' you can see a selection of photos from the most recent trip to Barbados to give you an idea of the amazing trip on offer: <https://www.st-martins.essex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+8&pid=66>

If you have any questions about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school at droberts@st-martins.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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