

14 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 and 8 Netball and Football Tour

Due to the increasing numbers at extra-curricular clubs, we would like to celebrate this by inviting your son or daughter to participate in the Oak Academy Netball and Football Tour to PGL Liddington, Swindon. Students will compete in Netball or Football fixtures against another school whilst enjoying a coaching session and fun, adventurous on-site activities.

Liddington is one of PGL's largest residential activity centres with several lakes, courts, sports pitches offering a huge range of activities including zip wires, climbing, high and low rope courses, abseiling, archery and water-based activities plus much more, ensuring that we have a varied, active and extremely enjoyable weekend.

To take full advantage of what this tour has to offer, your son or daughter needs to be in good health and be able to cope with the physical demands of playing netball or football, in addition to a full programme of other day and evening activities.

The provisional arrangements for the tour are as follows:

Days / dates	Friday 7 – Sunday 9 June 2024
Tour Company	Living With The Lions Sports Travel; ABTA No. Y6520; ATOL No. 9864
Accommodation	Two nights' full board with dormitory-style accommodation at Liddington
Travel	By coach
Cost includes	Return coach transfers to and from Liddington, Swindon 2 nights' full board with dormitory-style accommodation Netball and football coaching One fixture per squad, with a local club or school Transport to and from fixtures Access to a range of instructor-led on-site facilities and activities Coaching sessions in the build-up to the weekend
Items not included	Meals en route Drinks, snacks and gifts as required from the on-site shop Pocket money for incidental expenses

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Itinerary (subject to alteration)

Friday 7 June	Depart Oak Academy in the morning. One comfort stop en route before arriving at PGL Liddington early in the afternoon. Dinner, exploration of grounds and evening activity, coaching and / or a match against local opposition.
Saturday 8 June	Breakfast, coaching session or fixture against local opposition, lunch and activities. Dinner, entertainment and evening activity.
Sunday 9 June	Breakfast, activities, lunch and presentation. Depart in the afternoon, one comfort stop en route, arriving at Oak Academy early evening.
Cost of the visit	The cost of the visit will be between £260 and £300. The final cost will be subject to the number of students participating. The more that attend, the lower the cost.

Who can take part in this tour?

Students eligible to apply for a place on this tour:

- are in the netball club and / or football club or intend to join imminently
- have or will attend after-school practices on a regular basis
- are available for fixtures as and when they are organised

Places on this visit are limited by coach capacity. If numbers exceed places available, priority will be given to students with exemplary attendance at practices / fixtures and who display an excellent level of commitment to the sport. Should we still exceed capacity based on these criteria, a draw will take place.

Payment

If you would like your son or daughter to take part in this tour, please make a deposit payment of **£75** using ParentPay (www.parentpay.com), choosing the service 'Sports Tour 2024 – deposit' by **Monday 22 January** along with the below linked Form indicating which sport your son or daughter wishes to play. The due date for the interim payment and balance will be advised once student numbers are confirmed.

The draw will take place, if required, on **Wednesday 24 January** based on deposits received by the deadline. Students will be advised of the results shortly afterwards. If your son or daughter is not allocated a place your deposit will be refunded.

Please be aware that if you withdraw your son or daughter from the tour for any reason not covered under the terms of the insurance policy then monies paid may be non-refundable. Please also note that if your son or daughter's behaviour gives serious cause for concern between now and the tour s/he risks being withdrawn.

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We hope your son or daughter will be able to join us for this wonderful opportunity and that it will inspire a high level of commitment to netball and football within school to enable our teams to compete successfully in forthcoming years.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely



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Please scan or click on the QR code below to complete the Form before Monday 22 January



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