

From: Mr C Betteridge & Mr Robertson

Friday, 03 May 2024

Dear Parents/carers

**Expression of Interest Letter** 

Trip: Yr9-13 (2025) Cricket & Tennis Tour to Cape Town February Half Term 2025: Exact Dates to be confirmed

Duration: 10 nights/11 days

The PE and Sports department are pleased to inform you of an exciting opportunity for a **Year 9-13 Cricket** and **Tennis Tour to Cape Town.** 

Please note this will be for students in Year 9 - 13 in the 2024-25 academic year.

Following the success of the Cape Town tour in 2023, we are looking further develop relationships in Cape Town and have been invited to combine cricket and tennis with the school's we visited in February 2023.

The maximum indicative costs at this stage is £2,500. This price is dependent on the number of participants and the final costs of flights at the time of booking. The price includes flights, accommodation, kit, breakfast and dinner. Students will need about £15 a day for lunch and other snack should they choose. Fundraising will be required by the selected students and additional support will be available to families experiencing financial hardship who meet the qualifying criteria.

We are currently considering taking two cricket teams, a junior and senior squad (+- 12 each) and one tennis team (6). Selection and eligibility will be based on the individual's commitment to the school teams and their playing ability.

## Selection Criteria for Cricket:

- Regular player in both the League and 'A' County Cup squads
- 1XI Players
- County/MCC Players

## Selection criteria for Tennis:

- Students who regularly play.
- Students who have regularly represented the school.

We will use the selection criteria to pick the two cricket squads. In case of over subscription, we may resort to trials for both the tennis and cricket squads.

In the event of under subscription (not enough interest for two squads), we will use this selection criteria to pick one squad.

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## Cost Breakdown with dates:

1 <sup>st</sup> Instalment	Due 27/5/24	£500
2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment	Due 08/07/24	£500
3 <sup>rd</sup> Instalment	Due 31/08/24	£500
4 <sup>th</sup> Instalment	Due 31/10/24	£500
Final Instalment	Due 31/12/25	£500

This letter is to gather expression of interest from parents and commitment to the tour. In completing the following form, you are showing commitment in your son being part of this tour. To confirm an interest in this tour, please complete this online form (see link below) by no later than 15.30 on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QKRT3Wr9XkC75lKx5h6C21odLq0ZEzhltD92\_fmezApUQVdPUExQQ1NXOEZWMlkwV0FDRVM2R0wxNy4u

We hope your son will be able to join us on this exciting trip. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at <a href="mailto:cbetteridge@reading-school.co.uk">cbetteridge@reading-school.co.uk</a> and <a href="mailto:arobertson@reading-school.co.uk">arobertson@reading-school.co.uk</a> Yours sincerely,

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