



SOUTH SHROPSHIRE ACADEMY TRUST

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Key Stage 3 Sports Tour **Gibraltar – July 10th-14th 2017**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to announce that we are planning a sports tour to Gibraltar to coincide with Enrichment week next year. The proposed trip is targeting pupils in Key Stage 3 and we hope to take u13 girls netball (years 7 & 8), u13 boys rugby (years 7 & 8) and u14 boys football (years 8 & 9). This will give our students an opportunity to play in a sunny Mediterranean climate against international opposition. In addition to the sport there will be the opportunity to take in the sights of the famous “Rock” of Gibraltar, a British overseas territory. **It is not exclusive to those students who currently play for the school teams and all that are interested are welcome.**

We aim to depart from Church Stretton School during Enrichment Week, leaving early morning on **Monday 10th July** travelling by coach to Heathrow before flying with British Airways to Gibraltar arriving at lunch time. After an action packed few days we would then travel back on **Friday 14th July** arriving late in the evening. The cost of the trip will be **£520** (This price is based on securing 45 pupils on the trip. In the event that we cannot achieve these numbers there may be a possible surcharge). After an initial non-refundable deposit the rest of the money would need to be paid in set instalments, details of which will be provided closer to the time.

Included in the price:

- Coach transportation to and from Heathrow
- Direct BA flights to and from Gibraltar
- All transport on Gibraltar
- 2 training sessions and 2 matches against local opposition
- Sightseeing and activities – including paddle boarding, dolphin adventure, rock tour to meet the resident macaques (monkeys) and cable car ride.
- Accommodation (en-suite rooms)
- All meals (Apart from those whilst travelling to and from resort)
- Evening activities to include bowling and a disco.
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance.

The proposed trip would be run through Activ4 who have years of experience of delivering fun, safe and successful school trips and a representative would be with us in resort.

The price is based on attracting viable working numbers. The trip cannot accommodate more than 45 students and in the event of the trip being oversubscribed places will be allocated in a fair and unbiased way. We will operate a reserves list for those that are not allocated an initial place.



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At this stage we are only asking for expressions of interest so that we can evaluate numbers. After this all those that have expressed as interest will be invited to an information evening whereby a decision can be made as to whether you wish to apply for a place. If you are interested in attending this trip please return the attached slip to the postbox in main reception by Friday 30th September. No places will be confirmed until a further letter is sent inviting you to a meeting.

Please note that there are other overseas trips that depart during enrichment week (year 7 French trip and year 9 Battlefields trip) and that for current year 8 students there will be a ski trip departing in December 2017. Please consider this when deciding which trip best suits your son/daughter.

Yours sincerely

M Longhurst (handwritten signature)

Mr M Longhurst
Tour Leader

Please complete and return to the post box in reception by Friday 30th September:

I would like my child:

(Full name please) Tutor group.....

to be considered for next year's Gibraltar sports tour, and would like a further letter inviting me to an information evening.

Signed:..... (Parent/Carer)