



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Many of you will be aware that in recent years, the PE department have run three highly successful and memorable sports tours to South Africa and Sri Lanka and our plan for the next long-haul tour is to return to South Africa. The trip will be available to current Y10 and 11 students for the summer of 2027. We have had an exciting itinerary put forward to us. The trip will be aimed at our Rugby, Football and Netball squads, all of whom have shown excellent commitment and enjoyed a large degree of success and development in their time with us so far, so much so, that we are excited to offer this opportunity.

The link below is very much a proposed itinerary but gives an idea of what the tour could look like:

[Proposed Itinerary South Africa 2027](#)

At this stage we are aiming to get an expression of interest from you. This is not a firm commitment but having an idea of numbers will help us to make decisions on the viability of the trip and give a more precise estimation on cost. We realise for those currently in Y11, it would require your child to be fairly confident that they will be staying with us into 6<sup>th</sup> form as we can only take students who are on roll at Farmor's and this is something that may not be known for sure at present. There is an option to reflect this on the MS Form below.

Some FAQ's that we would anticipate are below to hopefully inform your response. Please do get in touch with either of us if you have any additional questions:

**1 – When will we be going?**

We usually leave around the last day of the summer term and go for 10/11 days. Y11 will have long finished exams and Y12 will have completed their Y12 Assessments so no major clashes.

**2 – How much will it cost?**

We are currently gathering quotes from a few different companies and anticipate the cost of the tour being around £2,500-2,600. This includes transfers, flights, half board accommodation, insurance and several excursions. We usually try to gather sponsorship for tour kit but you will also need to factor in spending money.

**3 – How serious is the sport?**

This is a SPORTS TOUR with cultural excursions, not a holiday with sport. We want to be competitive and often face high quality opposition keen to prove themselves. This tour is for our regular team players as we want to be worthy opposition for our hosts and reward those students who have been consistently committed to our teams for several years. We will ensure that game time is managed so that no individual is disadvantaged.

#### **4 – How many students can go?**

Essentially, we have a minimum number of 32 students so that we can field sufficient teams and secure the 4 staff places we need. Maximum numbers are harder to state – we would have to guarantee we have sufficient additional staff willing to go to a 1:8 ratio and would also need to ensure that hotels can accommodate us, sufficient fixtures can be arranged and there are logistical implications of needing more than one coach and seats on flights. An ideal number would be 20-22 boys across the two age groups who would form 1 Rugby Squad and possibly 2 Football Squads. Most boys would play in both sports but I understand that some may not be comfortable playing Rugby. We have only done Rugby before which has limited some boys from wanting to go so hopefully adding some football will encourage a few more – it would be 2 matches of each sport. Netball we anticipate taking enough for 2 squads of 10 players but if we get to 24+ we could consider 3 teams. In all sports, the teams would be made up of players from across both year groups rather than separate age group teams (we would not expect enough for a Rugby Team for each year group for example)

#### **What next.....**

Please could you complete the link below to indicate whether, or not, your child would like to be considered for a place on this tour by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. This will enable us to assess the validity of the tour. If numbers look good, we will invite you to an Information Evening with our chosen tour provider and go from there. If you have any questions prior to completing the form, please get in touch. More specific queries can be addressed at the Information Evening should we get enough interest to proceed to the next stage.

Yours sincerely

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Please click on this link to express your interest in the tour:

[South Africa 2027 – Fill out form](#)

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