



## THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

TRN/JHS

06 October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Rugby, Netball and Football Tour, South Africa – July 2024**

The squads will be travelling to South Africa where they will spend 12 days and 11 nights (2 nights inflight) travelling around the country partaking in a range of activities.

The total cost of the 2024 Rugby tour to South Africa is £2,800. This is payable in instalments over the next 18 months. The payment schedule is detailed below.

#### **October 2022**

**£350 deposit** to secure a place on the tour

#### **November 2022 – March 2024**

16 monthly instalments of **£145.00** with a final payment of **£130.00 in March 2024**

Included in the price of the trip is:

- Return flights to and from Cape Town.
- All airport transfers and transfers whilst in South Africa.
- 9 nights' accommodation at 4\* Hotels in Stellenbosch and Cape Town.
- All meals during the trip. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- 4 Safari game drives and 2 nights' accommodation at the Garden Route Game Lodge.
- A coaching session with professional coaches.
- 3 competitive fixtures against local schools or clubs and after match functions.
- Guided tour through Langa Township in Cape Town.
- Visit to charity partner 'Pebbles Project' to meet the supported children.
- Stellenbosch University tour including the extensive sporting facilities.
- Visit to the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town.
- Visit to the Springbok Rugby Museum.
- Tickets to a Super Rugby fixture. (Dependant on fixture list)
- Robben Island excursion.
- Visit to Table Mountain including a cable car experience.

As detailed at the Tour presentation evening, there will be an opportunity for students to reduce the cost of the tour through fundraising and sponsorship. Additional fundraising will be conducted within the touring squad that will be used to further enhance the tour experience, pay for tour kit and in support of the tour charity, Pebbles Project.

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Our aims within the Mountbatten South Africa Tour programme are to not only develop great players, but also enable students to develop other life skills, which are highly desirable in the community once they leave school and go onto college, university or work. Our commitment is to provide students the opportunity to develop into people who reflect our 'sporting core values' of Integrity, Sportsmanship, Respect and Hard Work. As such, students who accept a place on the 2024 South Africa Tour will be expected to participate in a range of activities in the two years prior to the tour, including fundraising events, training sessions, fitness sessions and leadership opportunities in the lower year groups and feeder primary schools. Due to the competitive fixtures on tour, involvement in the school teams is compulsory and expected to be consistent and sustained throughout the lead up to the tour.

The Mountbatten School expects the highest standards from all of our students. Those participating in the South Africa 2024 project will be expected to uphold the highest expectations of behaviour, uniform and conduct at school. All students who apply to attend the tour will be subject to scrutiny from the relevant Heads of Year and the Senior Leadership Team. Breaches of these high standards may result in a review of their trip place or expulsion from the trip. The school reserves the right to remove students from the trip at any time for poor behaviour.

If the trip is oversubscribed, the school will apply the oversubscription criteria (see the Visits Policy on the Portal).

Having secured a place, should you wish to cancel your child's place, you will lose your initial deposit together with any further monies that have been paid to the travel company at the time of cancellation. Please be aware that due to fluctuations in the cost of flights and airport taxes there may be an additional flight supplement added to the trip cost.

Should you wish for your child to be considered for this trip, please complete the [South Africa Tour 2024 Google Form](#) and pay a **£350.00 deposit** via Scopay (if your child is unsuccessful in gaining a place, the deposit will be refunded). The registration form and deposit must be completed by **Monday 31 October**. If your child is successful in gaining a place, we will inform you by email and we will issue a payment card detailing a full schedule of payments.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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