



Heathfield School Ascot

July 2015

Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you of the intended combined Lacrosse / Netball / Geography Tour to the West Coast of Canada and the USA in the summer holidays 2016.

We decided that because many of the AS Geographers will also be Lacrosse and Netball players it made financial sense for parents if we 'joined forces' rather than have two separate trips. The tour will last 14 days / 12 nights, departing on Monday 4 July and returning Monday 18 July. Currently the proposal is to fly into Vancouver before moving on to Vancouver Island, Seattle and back to Vancouver.

The intention is to take an U15 and a Senior Lacrosse / Netball team who will play in four Lacrosse and four Netball matches against local opposition: girls do not have to play both sports in order to come on the tour. It is a great opportunity for girls to experience the passion and commitment of Canadian High School sport as well as staying with host families and visiting some of the landmarks on the Canadian coast and the Pacific North West.

When not on the Lacrosse pitch or Netball court, Mrs Mason will be working with the Geographers to expand their geographical skills and case study portfolio in preparation for their A2 units, collecting primary data in these major cities. The itinerary provides the opportunity to cover topics that will give an excellent foundation for the A2 course, as girls will be able to explore and examine in the field topics such as Geomorphology, Managing Cities, Tectonic Activity, Economic Activity including Tourism, and Contemporary Conflicts.

The cost of the tour will inevitably depend on numbers but the maximum cost will be £2, 219 (one team of 20) and the minimum £ 1,929. This includes flights, hotel accommodation, coach travel throughout the trip, all meals and any excursions. Initial interest shows that we have enough for two teams and we would obviously like to begin fundraising

So that we can guarantee the current flight prices, we need a commitment from you in the form of a £250 non-refundable deposit (this may be put on the end of term bill) by Monday 29 June. Once this commitment is made you would be obliged to meet all payments by the following deadlines: payment of £400 October 2015; payment of £400 January 2016; final balance April 2016. Should you withdraw your daughter from the tour without good reason, you would forfeit any payments made and would be obliged to meet the rest of the payments. I hope you understand that this safeguards the costs of the other places on the tour should the numbers drop.

If you need any further information or have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, or with Mrs Mason if your question is specifically geographical. Please return the slip or email me by Monday 22 June.

Yours sincerely

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Please return to Wendy Reynolds or Basia Mason by Monday 22 June

I would like my daughter _____ to go on the
Canadian Lacrosse, Netball and Geography Tour.

I understand that a non-refundable deposit of £250 will be added to my end of term bill

Parent signature _____ Date _____