



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

July 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 9 and 10 Netball and Football Tournaments (Residential) – September and October 2021

St Aidan's sees extra-curricular activities and residential trips as being of immense value to individual students within their particular year groups. We provide opportunities in each year for pupils to undertake different challenges / experiences that we hope will contribute to the all-round education of each child.

Given the successful rollout of the UK's vaccination programme and our government's continuation with their road map, now we feel that with extreme caution, we can reintroduce some activities for our students in the next academic year.

Due to the loss of so much extra-curricular sport for our teams, we would like to offer a boy's and girl's residential football and netball tournament for the pupils who would have been involved in our school teams but have missed fixtures and competition over the past 18 months.

The trips on offer are:

- Girls PGL Netball Tournament to Boreatton Park, Shropshire 24-26 September 2021
- Boys Football Tournament to Malvern College in Worcestershire 20-23 October 2021

Staff, as always, are acting in '*loco parentis*' just as they do in school when accompanying children on a school trip. Trips away from the normal school environment involve considering different routines and environments, which demand that pupils can show an increased level of responsibility and maturity.

In addition to our school insurance policy, we will also be covered by the individual tour company's insurance policy for Covid-19. Over the last year, all tour operators have introduced new clauses to their booking conditions, and you can be reassured that you will receive a full refund if we must cancel the trip as a direct result of a further national lockdown or Government advice against residential stays.

Should you wish to know any further information about the trip or have concerns about making the deposit payment at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs McDonald (t.mcdonald@staidans.co.uk) or Mr Holdsworth (d.holdsworth@staidans.co.uk).

Thank you for your co-operation.

Regards

Mr C Burt
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Netball Tournament to Boreatton Park, Shropshire, Friday 24 September to Sunday 26 September 2021

An exciting opportunity for us to raise the morale, teamwork, fitness and enthusiasm of our netball players with a PGL netball tournament weekend, officiated by England Netball and played on courts built to England Netball standards. It's a weekend of intensive match experience that helps improve skills and technique. But there's much more.



At the heart of the netball weekend programme is the tournament. The schedule of games allows each team maximum match experience, the chance to compete against other schools and also the opportunity to learn from watching other teams play. The tournament closes with a special presentation of medals and trophies by a Vitality Rose or a Vitality Superleague Star who will meet the players, sign autographs and pose for pictures.



A selection of adventure activities arranged between matches gives the team members some different challenges from those on the court - challenges designed to help develop support, encouragement, teamwork and communication skills.

To complement the daytime exertions, PGL's unmissable and busy programme of evening activities add extra teambuilding opportunities. Added value that makes all the difference.

Travel is by coach from St Aidan's and the cost of this trip is in the region of **£220.00** which includes all transport, accommodation, netball coaching and tournaments, activities and food. Students will leave school by coach at 11:15 on Friday 24 September, returning to school on Sunday 26 September around 21:00.

If your daughter is interested in a place on this exciting residential sports trip, please pay the first deposit payment of **£100.00** via ParentPay **by Monday 2 August 2021** to secure her place. The final balance is due **no later than Friday 3 September 2021** – a reminder will be sent to you by email prior to this date confirming the remaining amount. If you do not have a ParentPay login, please contact Mrs Holey in the Finance Office h.holey@staidans.co.uk. **Please note all payments are non-refundable (unless cancellation is a direct result of Government advice against residential visits).**

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