

SAH/SAfrica20/SH  
November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to inform you that we are planning a seventh visit to South Africa with proposed dates of Monday 13 July 2020 to Monday 27 July 2020. Once again, this will be a sports trip, based around Rugby and Netball/Hockey, and the students eligible for South Africa 2020 will be the current Years 9, 10 and 11.

The itinerary is for a 2 week trip, based at two different venues in the Johannesburg area of South Africa, as well as a third visit for Longsands to Cape Town. The cost will be £2,450. This includes:

- coach travel to and from the airport;
- return flights;
- airport taxes;
- twelve nights full board accommodation;
- all internal transport;
- coaching in the relevant sport;
- three matches against local opposition;
- various excursions to places of interest, including two safari drives, Soweto and a cable car to the top of Table Mountain and many others;
- appropriate insurance cover;
- structured evening entertainment;
- sports bag;
- kit made exclusively for the trip.

Your son/daughter will need to have his/her own passport and this is not included in the price and medical advice should be sought regarding vaccinations and that this, too, could involve additional costs. For your information, the areas we visit are designated as malaria-free.

With the experience of six previous trips, we can honestly say that all the above represents the opportunity of a lifetime and one in which we hope your son/daughter will be able to take part. The proposed itinerary is attached.

ParentPay will open for payments at 9.00 am on Monday, 3 December 2018. If you would like your son/daughter to be considered, pay a deposit of £250 on ParentPay, by Wednesday 9 January 2019. Deposits, once paid to the travel operator, are non-refundable unless another student can be found to fill the vacated place. If you should have any difficulty accessing your ParentPay account, please contact the Finance Department on 01480 223336/37.

If your son/daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, you may be able to access financial support for this purchase. Pupil Premium funding is available for students who have been eligible for free school meals in the

last 6 years or are looked after. Further advice on eligibility for Pupil Premium funding is available on our website. If you are not eligible for Pupil Premium but are currently experiencing financial hardship, the Academy may be able to support you. If you wish to apply for Pupil Premium or discuss current financial hardship, please write to or email Mrs F Smith ([fsmith@longsands.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:fsmith@longsands.cambs.sch.uk)). If you are applying for financial support, please pay a £5 deposit to reserve a place on the trip and then contact Mrs Smith immediately to discuss the remaining payment.

Should your application be unsuccessful, this deposit will of course be refunded. In order to participate in this trip, students are expected to have a good record of co-operative behaviour within the Academy as a whole, a positive attitude towards all PE lessons and participation in school sport.

The payment schedule is as follows and payments should be paid via ParentPay:

Deposit:	<b>£250.00</b>	<b>by</b>	<b>09.01.19</b>
Instalments:	£170.00	by	08.02.19
	£170.00	by	08.03.19
	£170.00	by	08.04.19
	£170.00	by	06.05.19
	£170.00	by	07.06.19
	£170.00	by	08.07.19
	£170.00	by	09.08.19
	£170.00	by	09.09.19
	£170.00	by	07.10.19
	£170.00	by	08.11.19
	£170.00	by	09.12.19
	£165.00	by	08.01.20
	£165.00	by	07.02.20

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries regarding this trip.

Yours sincerely



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