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Dear Parent,

Ellesmere College Rugby tour of Canada 2019

Following my last letter, I can confirm that there has been a sufficient level of interest to run a Rugby Tour to Canada in October half term 2019. Touring is a fantastic experience and the memories last a lifetime. This tour is open to all boys in the current year 10, 11 and 12 age groups, regardless of team. I have attached an outline itinerary and cost.

At this moment, we are asking for a firm commitment to go with a non-returnable deposit of £250. Places are limited and if the tour is oversubscribed then a selection process will take place. Based on the places we have available, an initial costing is £2,100 per person, with the proviso that there are no significant changes in the near future, which may affect the pound. Please see the itinerary for details of what is included.

Payment for the tour will be made over an 8 month period, via standing order, starting in January, excluding the initial deposit which can be made by cheque or bank transfer. We would ask you to arrange to pay by standing order with your bank. Payments will begin as soon as possible to help spread the cost. Please could I ask you to look at the proposed schedule and return your deposit with the slip by Friday 7th December 2018.

Yours sincerely,

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*Please return this completed slip by **Friday 7th December** to: Mr Murphy in the PE department.*

Canada Rugby Tour October half term 2019 PERMISSION SLIP

Pupil's name.....

Pupil's Year group Pupil's Registration Group.....

I wish to reserve a place for my child on this trip.

- I enclose a cheque for the non-refundable deposit of £250
- I have arranged a bank transfer for the non-refundable deposit of £250

Name..... Signature.....

Please note cancellation charges will apply should you cancel your child's place on the tour.



Price includes:

- Coach transfer from Ellesmere to Gatwick airport
- Return direct flights from Gatwick to the Canada on a selected airline
- 10 days/9 nights (including transit days) accommodation in a several hotels and Billets based on a B&B basis in Vancouver and Vancouver Island
- Meals when not provided by hotel
- Tour kit
- All rugby match/training ground transportation including airport 'meet and greet'
- 3 rugby fixtures with match food and water plus a training session
- Edwin Doran team liaison services throughout the stay
- Excursions to include a visit to "Wild-play Victoria" an adrenaline-packed outdoor adventure park
- A trip to Capilano Suspension Bridge Park
- Security of ATOL bonding
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Price does not include:

- Visas (if required - UK & EU passport holders do not need a Visa)
- Excursions (other than those stated)
- Personal purchases

Why Canada?

British Columbia is a sight to see along with its spectacular surroundings including Vancouver Island and Washington State. There are always a number of competitive sides who welcome the opportunity to play against visiting teams. With the backdrop of majestic mountains and the Pacific Ocean, it's the perfect place to take a team on tour.

All of the accommodation meets strict safety standards and are equipped to deal with school groups. The hotels are located within easy reach of training and fixtures. All offer plenty of good food for the team to refuel after a hard day of rugby or sightseeing.

Ellesmere last visited Canada in October 2010 and it proved to be a very successful tour. Since then Ellesmere have toured to several places around the world but Canada remains a clear favourite. Whether it is the busy city life of Vancouver, watching the Salmon streams in the wild or making lifelong friends in the local rugby clubs, Canada ticks all the boxes.

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