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Dear Parent/Carer

Canada Sport Tour 2026 – Netball and Rugby

After the success of the sports tour to Sri Lanka this summer the PE Department is in the process of launching the Malmesbury School 2026 Canada Sports Tour. The trip will run in the summer term of 2026 with a 10-day itinerary staying in both Toronto and Ottawa. The current itinerary includes two fixtures for each netball and rugby team against local teams or schools that have been organised by our tour company, England Rugby Travel.

Students will also have the opportunity to experience Canadian culture and history in Toronto and Ottawa. There will also be a number of thrill-seeking experiences including white-water rafting and an overnight camp in the Canadian wilderness and a boat trip to Niagara Falls. These will give the students a breadth of lifetime experiences, the opportunity to represent their school in a foreign country and create a highlight of their time with us at Malmesbury School.

A provisional itinerary for the trip is attached at the end of the letter. Please note, this itinerary is subject to change.

Date: July 2026 - Exact dates are to be confirmed.

Location: Canada – Toronto and Ottawa.

Cost: Approximately £3,200.00. Subject to change due to prices for flights and coaches not yet released for 2026. This cost includes – International airfare, coach transfers throughout the trip, breakfast and dinner, 8 lunches costed at £10 each, all fixtures and excursions. Any money for other items such as souvenirs and extra food and drink is not included in this price.

Travel: Coach transfers to and from the airport in the UK and Canada. Coach transfers will also be provided to and from fixtures and excursions.

Accommodation: University Halls whilst in the two cities.

Extra Information: Upon arrival an England Sports Tour representative will meet the tour party and will assist us during key points in the tour. All representatives are fully trained to ensure the trip is as enjoyable and stress free as possible. There will be five members of Malmesbury School staff attending the trip.



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- Medical:** It is the parents/carers responsibility to advise school immediately upon booking a trip of any pre-existing medical conditions and update school with any subsequent changes to ensure your child's medical condition is fully covered by our insurance provider, also teachers accompanying the trip require up to date medical information. Failure to notify school of any pre-existing or new medical conditions may result in students not being insured. It is the parent's/carers responsibility to ensure that your child carries their emergency medication on the trip including inhalers/EpiPen's. Failure to do so will result in non-attendance of the trip.
- Vaccinations:** Please look at recommended inoculations required for travel to Canada and contact your medical practitioner or doctor's surgery for any vaccination requirements.
- Consent:** If you would like your child to attend, please give your permission via ParentPay by 6th January 2025.
- Size of Group:** Spaces are limited to 50 students; if the trip is oversubscribed, names will be randomly selected after the deadline.

Please note that we reserve the right to exclude students from going on a trip when their general behaviour in lessons and around school has been persistently below the standard we expect and when a student would be seen as risk to their personal safety or that of others.

Criteria for trip: Students must be regularly attending the school club for rugby or netball in which they intend to participate on the tour.

Overall behaviour must be above 70% with discretion of school on each case.

Attitude to learning in core and exam-based PE (if applicable) must uphold Marmesbury school standards.

Any questions regarding the criteria please contact Mr Marsh-Ballard.

It must be noted that this trip is for students who are committed to attending Marmesbury sixth form and is only for students at the school. If your child leaves Marmesbury School after their GCSEs and takes a place at another provider for whatever reason, they will be unable to attend the trip or receive a refund.

Once students have committed to the trip all payments are non refundable as stipulated by England Sports Tours.

Payments will be required as follows:-

£600.00	Due by 28th February 2025
£400.00	Due by 30th April 2025
£400.00	Due by 30th June 2025
£400.00	Due by 31st August 2025
£400.00	Due by 31st October 2025
£400.00	Due by 31st December 2025
£400.00	Due by 28th February 2026
The remaining balance will be due by 30th April.	



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If you agree to your child participating in the trip as detailed above and would like your child to attend, please log on to ParentPay to add medical and other requested information, confirm your consent by **Monday 6th January 2025.**

Once this has been done, we will select the 50 students for the trip and from here payment will be able to be made on ParentPay.

Please contact the school finance office if you have problems logging in to ParentPay.

Yours sincerely

Brett Jouny
Headteacher

Itinerary for trip:

DAY 1: LONDON / TORONTO

Arrive at London Heathrow Airport (tbc) where you will be met by an England Sports Tours representative who will oversee check in for your flight to Toronto.

On arrival you will be met by an England Sports Tours representative and transferred to the University of Toronto Residences for a four-night stay on half board basis (breakfast and dinner).

After checking in you will spend the afternoon exploring your new surroundings.

Return to your accommodation this evening for an evening at leisure.

DAY 2: TORONTO

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation before walking to Eaton.

EXCURSION: CN Tower.

Once you've taken in the stunning views you will spend some time at leisure and enjoy lunch locally (on own account).

EXCURSION: Spend the afternoon at Omega Wildlife Park.

Return to your accommodation this evening.

DAY 3: TORONTO

Enjoy breakfast before spending the morning at leisure.

In the afternoon you can have a **team run** before you transfer to a local club for your first fixtures of the tour.

MATCH DAY 1 VS TBC

Enjoy the post-match function mixing with the opposition before you return to your accommodation.





EXCURSION: This evening transfer to the **Rogers Centre** to watch an MLB fixture featuring the **Toronto Blue Jays**.

DAY 4: TORONTO

After an early breakfast you will depart to Niagara Falls.

EXCURSION: Day excursion to Niagara Falls where you enjoy the **Hornblower Cruise** and **Journey Behind the Falls**.

After a memorable day return to your accommodation.

DAY 5: TORONTO / OTTAWA

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation checking out and transferring to Ottawa.

EXCURSION: Stopping at Kingston, you will enjoy **Tree Top Trekking**.

Upon arrival into Ottawa, you will check in to the University of Ottawa for three nights on a half board basis (breakfast and dinner).

Spend the evening at leisure.

DAY 6: OTTAWA

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation.

EXCURSION: Today, you will visit **Parliament Hill**, **Canadian War Museum** and the **Aviation and Space Museum**.

Return to your accommodation for an evening at leisure.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION: This evening you have the option of doing a tour of **Famous Poutine Restaurants**.

DAY 7: OTTAWA

Enjoy breakfast before spending the morning at leisure where you can prepare for the afternoon's fixtures.

OPTIONAL TRAINING SESSION: This morning you have the **option of a training session** at a local facility. Transfer to your third rugby and netball fixtures of the tour.

MATCH DAY 3 VS TBC

Enjoy the post-match function with your opposition before returning to your accommodation.

DAY 8: OTTAWA

Enjoy breakfast before transferring to your accommodation and for a one-night camping and activities trip. You will have experienced guides and safety briefs for the entirety of the trip through Espirit Tours.

EXCURSION: **White Water Rafting**.

GROUP DINNER: **Ultimate Camp BBQ**. Return to your camp after a fun filled day.





DAY 9: OTTAWA / TORONTO / LONDON

Enjoy breakfast at your accommodation before checking out.

Spend some time at leisure doing some last-minute shopping and sightseeing before transferring to the airport to catch your return flight to London.

DAY 10 LONDON

On arrival into London, you will continue with your own arrangements.



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