

Our ref: JRU/RKR

22 January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Visit to Barcelona- School Sports Tour 2026

We are delighted to confirm that your child has been allocated a place on the School Sports Tour visiting Barcelona. Students will have access to high quality training by certified sports coaches, opportunities to play Football or Netball, time allocated to soak up some of the amazing Spanish culture by sightseeing in Barcelona and planned excursions to visit Camp Nou Stadium and PortAventura World theme park. By attending this visit, students will access an exceptional learning experience.

Students will be required to meet at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy to depart on Sunday 24 May 2026 and will return to the academy on Thursday 28 May 2026. Please note, timings will be confirmed once the flights have been released. **Please also note that parents/carers must make arrangements to drop off and collect their child from the academy, if the return time is after the academy day has finished.**

The total cost for the visit is £1,020 and is inclusive of travel, excursions and all meals provided by the accommodation. Students will be required to pay for their own lunch during the visit to the PortAventura World theme park and may wish to have money for any gifts/souvenirs.

You will be able to make the first initial non-refundable deposit of £100 via ParentPay later this afternoon to secure your child's place. The deposit must be paid by Monday 17 February 2025, or the place will be reallocated to another student.

If you are unable to access ParentPay and require a barcoded letter to pay at a PayPoint, please email admin@stwacademy.com and a letter will be printed for your child to collect from Reception.

If you are experiencing and finance issues and are unable to make a payment, please contact admin@stwacademy.com and a member of staff will contact you to discuss options in which we may be able to offer support.

By making the initial payment, you are **giving consent for your child** to take part in this visit and **agreeing to the non-refundable payment plan** below:

Initial payment £100.00 due Monday 17 February 2025

Interim payment 1: £150 – Monday 31 March 2025

Interim payment 2: £265 – Monday 16 June 2025

Interim payment 3: £265 - Monday 8 September 2025

Interim payment 4: £240 – Monday 24 November 2025

Please note, if there are insufficient student numbers to make this visit viable, then it will be cancelled and a full refund will be issued.

Please also note, giving consent and making payment, does not automatically guarantee your child's participation in the visit. This is also dependent on behaviour, attendance and motivation at school.

Example itinerary (may be subject to change)

Day 1

Meet at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy.
Coach transfer to airport.
Check-in at UK airport and arrival into local Spanish airport (airport information/ timings will be supplied once flights are released).
Coach transfer to Salou, meet your Masterclass representative and check in to your 3* hotel accommodation, on a full board basis.
Allocated time in the afternoon to explore the local area, hotel pool and/or the beach.
Evening meal served at accommodation.

Day 2

Breakfast at accommodation.
Transfer to PortAventura World theme park - Please note, students must buy their own lunch in the theme park.
Evening meal served at accommodation.
Evening activities.

Day 3

Breakfast at accommodation.
Football and Netball Masterclass Pro Coaching Session.
Lunch at accommodation.
Sir Thomas Wharton football fixtures vs. Spanish opposition.
Evening meal served at accommodation.
Evening activities.

Day 4

Breakfast at accommodation.
Football and Netball Masterclass Pro Coaching Session.
On the go lunch (provided) at the sports venue.
MasterClass Tournament: Sir Thomas Wharton football and netball teams vs. UK opposition.
Awards presentation at sports venue.
Evening meal served at accommodation.
Evening activities.

Day 5

Breakfast at accommodation.
Check out of accommodation.
Coach transfer to Barcelona city centre (allocated time to sightsee).
Visit Camp Nou Immersive Experience.
On the go lunch (provided).
Coach transfer to a local Spanish airport to check in to scheduled flight back to the UK.

Due to the nature of the trip, students will be required to have suitable sportswear and footwear for both training and for fixtures. All clothing and footwear worn should be appropriate for a school trip and comfortable. Those playing football will be expected to have their own football boots; further information regarding the type of boots required will be supplied in due course. It is advisable to have a change of footwear, refillable water bottle, hat and plenty of sun protection. Students will also need a bag (school style bag will suffice), in which they can carry equipment and additional clothing to and from the training venues.

As the nature of the trip is a sports tour, it is recommended that your child attends regular practice at the academy allowing them to develop a rapport with their teammates whilst developing their own skills and knowledge of the rules ahead of the visit. Students are also required to be fully invested in all training and fixtures during the trip; it will not be an option to not attend any of the sessions.

Students will be supervised by members of academy staff during the visit and there will be a trained first aider present as part of this supervision. There are times during the trip where students will be passively supervised, such as, at the theme park and sightseeing in Barcelona. Students will be fully briefed ahead of the visit with meeting points, times and details of how to contact a member of academy staff in the event of an emergency.

Please provide consent and medical information by accessing the form here: [Consent Form](#).

Yours sincerely

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