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Dear Oakhill Students & Parents

SPANISH ART & HOCKEY TOUR 2012

As you may have heard rumblings about an overseas tour we would formally like to announce that the Spain Art / Hockey tour is a reality.

The tour dates are 22nd March 2012 to 4th April 2012. This will give the Odyssey students at least 3 days R&R before departing. On return, students will have a week before Term 2 commences on Wednesday 11th April 2012.

The tour will be focused around Madrid, Valencia and Barcelona. The art program will include visits to art galleries, museums and local artists (including Reina Sofia, Thyssen, IVAM & MACBA Museums & la Pederera de Antoni Gaudi amongst many other art highlights); while the hockey players take on the Spanish in 5 or 6 Astro turf fixtures, plus coaching from an Olympic player and coach, Sander van der Weide – 275 times Dutch National Team player and 3 Olympic Games (Sydney, Athens & Beijing). The opportunity of watching Real Madrid and/or FC Barcelona in action and tours of both stadiums is planned.



The 1st Boys and Girls Hockey squad is invited to apply together with the 2012 Grade 11 & 12 Art Students. Depending on how the tour party component materializes, additional hockey players may be included to make-up two boys and girls squads, and Grade 10 Art students could also be invited. This would have the advantage of reducing overall tour costs.



The estimated tour cost is R26,210 and is subject to currency fluctuations. The tour cost includes:–

- All travel including coach, flights and public transport cards
- Accommodation in modern hostels or hotels (possibility of Spanish hosting for a few nights)
- Breakfast at hostel / hotels and dinners at various Spanish restaurants
- Small daily lunch allowance for 'on the run' lunches
- All hockey events including coaching clinic
- Entrance to all art museums, galleries etc
- Guided bike tours of Madrid, Valencia and Barcelona
- Entrance and tour of Real Madrid & FC Barcelona Stadiums
- Real Madrid or FC Barcelona Football Match
- Guided tour of Prado Museum
- Guided visit to Sagrada Familia
- Travel insurance, including sports extension for hockey cover
- 24 hour hosting by Spanish tour operator from time of arrival in Spain

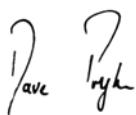
The tour cost does not include pocket money, tour clothing or luggage, obtaining a passport or Schengen visa which is required for South African nationals (Visa cost & agent fee approx. R900).

Kindly indicate your intentions to tour by replying to Dave Pryke on d.pryke@oakhillschool.co.za. To secure your place on tour please ensure that a deposit of R6 000 is made by month end - Reference: **"Name / Spain Tour"**. Your timeous response is appreciated in order to give us an opportunity to plan ahead and extend an invitation to others that wish to take up the offer.

The School Tour Policy will be handed out at the first tour meeting of all tour applicants that will be held early next term to finalise arrangements.

Viva España!

Yours sincerely



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Director of Sport

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