



CATERHAM SCHOOL

19 July 2011

To Parents and Guardians of Second Year girls

Dear Parents and Guardians,

For girls currently in the Second Year, we are proposing to take a Lacrosse Tour to USA during the Easter holidays in 2012. Subject to confirmation, the *proposed* dates are 9 – 20 April.

The tour will be based on the East coast of America. During the tour we would be playing both High School and club sides of similar ages. There will be opportunity to visit the sights and attractions of which there are many on both sides.

The tour will start in the US Capital, Washington where we will enjoy visiting the sites and playing against local sides. From there we will be travelling onto Baltimore for a further couple of nights, matches and some more sightseeing. We will then move onto Philadelphia and New York stopping for matches in each city. In New York we will visit the Empire State Building, Staten Island and Statue of Liberty before flying home. There may also be a little time for some girlie shopping!

Accommodation during the tour will be a mixture of 'bed and breakfast' and hosting, where the girls stay with the families of their Lacrosse counterparts. This helps to make a tour so unique – the girls enjoy fantastic hospitality, experiencing American culture first-hand through family life and making new friends along the way. From past experience many of which have been lifelong.

The total cost of the tour is £1560, excluding spending money. For recent tours, parents' committees have been formed to set up fund-raising activities, generating money for kit, meals and for group excursions (e.g. ice skating at the Rockefeller Centre). Food is often provided after matches and when staying with host families, a total of £200 would be a reasonable estimate for all other times. In order to cover this cost the girls are also asked to do some individual fundraising as an attempt to help them appreciate the value of money! This sum will be £200 and is due in toward the end of the Spring Term 2012 so that they have a time to get car washing! This is pooled with the fundraising money.

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The squad will comprise of a maximum of 24 players; whilst the quality of competition should be good, it will not provide us with sufficient depth to take larger numbers. If the demand exceeds the number of places available, then there would be a need for 'selection'. This would take place towards the end of September when the teams for next season would have been chosen.

Schools that have undertaken a similar trip have recommended this format to us and we have no doubt that this opportunity will provide the girls with a memorable experience, as other sports tours have done in the past. If you are interested in your daughter being considered for a place on this tour, then a deposit of £250 is required; this is returnable if your daughter is not selected, however once a deposit has been accepted the tour company will not return it. The deposit confirms our commitment to the tour operators, Edwin Doran Sports Travel (used for many of our previous tours) and enables them to commence the planning process. Please complete the attached slip and return by **Tuesday 6 September**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Lomas

Head of Girls' Games

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Lacrosse Tour to the USA : Easter 2012

Return to: Mrs N Lomas, Head of Girls' Games

Name of Pupil.....

Tutor Group.....

I confirm that I am interested in my daughter being considered for a place on the Lacrosse Tour to USA, Easter 2012, and enclose a deposit of £250 (cheque made payable to Caterham School)

Signed.....**Date**.....

Please print name.....

E Mail Address.....

(This is often the most efficient way of circulating information. Please write clearly!)

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