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Dear Parent/Carer

**WKGS Handball Club Sports tour to Gothenburg, Sweden
Monday 30 June to Saturday 5 July 2025**

I am in the process of organising the first (hopefully of many) handball tours to Sweden for the Partille Cup, the world's largest and most international youth handball tournament. Having led this trip on four previous occasions a number of years ago, in my previous role of England U16 National teams Head Coach, I have seen firsthand, the life changing experiences this tournament provides. The main objective of this trip is to compete in the Partille Cup, exposing the students to an elite level of handball.

The tournament will run from the Tuesday to the Friday. Whilst competitive handball is the key objective, the students will also experience many different cultures, living alongside, competing against and fostering friendships with other players from many different countries. I hope that this trip can show the students how sport can be both competitive and enjoyable and inspire them to pursue their enjoyment of handball for many years to come.

The trip is open to handball players currently in Year 8 and Year 10, who next year will be in Year 9 and Year 11. Although I have based the costing on 12 students per team, there can be a maximum of 15 per team as per the competition regulations, so priority will be given to those who regularly attend the club when allocating places.

It is hoped that the final cost will be approximately £1080, which includes the majority of food, travel, accommodation, tournament and kit. The final cost cannot be confirmed until closer to the date of the tournament, which is not yet released on the website, however from previous experience, it runs on the first week in July every year.

Whilst the date of the tournament will remain the same, we are looking at a number of different options for departure dates when travelling to Gothenburg. The official arrival date for the competition is Monday 30th June, however the Monday flight times from Manchester, for 2024, are far from favourable considering the tournament starts on Tuesday morning. The options we have available are:

- Fly from Manchester on Monday 30 June 2025
- Fly from London on Monday 30 June 2025
- Fly from London on Sunday 29 June 2025
- Fly from Manchester on Saturday 28 June 2025

The final option of flying from Manchester, two days early is presently the best and most cost effective option, rather than travelling from London, although please note as stated above the final dates will be confirmed until 2025 flights are released.



Accommodation: We will stay in a school in Gothenburg, ideally this will be Ugglums Skola, Partille. Which I am familiar with from my previous visits and is only a short bus ride to the centre of Gothenburg. Each team will be provided with one large classroom within the school, in which they will sleep as a team. They will be provided with a mattress and bedding for the duration of their stay. Strangely this is usually a highlight of the trip for the players that I have taken previously as it is like a weeklong sleepover.

Food: Each student will receive a Partille Pass, which will entitle the players to 15 meals (Monday to Saturday). Food will be served in the school and/or in Gothenburg centre.

To express a strong interest in attending the trip, kindly email rprice@wkgs.net. Please note you are not committing but giving me an idea of numbers so I can gain an estimated price that is as accurate as possible.

Once I have a list of students who are interested, I will host a short parents and student information meeting on the week commencing 13th May to provide more information about the tournament, accommodation and the week away. Following this, if you are still interested you will be able to secure your place on the trip by paying a deposit to finance.

Yours sincerely

R Price

Mr R Price
Head of Year 13

The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the School will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.