



26 January 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

### South Africa Rugby & Netball Sport Tour, July 2026

We are thrilled to be sharing an exciting opportunity for our current Year 7 and 8 students who represent The King's School in either the rugby or netball teams. Students will have the chance to embark on a transformative school trip to South Africa in July 2026. This once in a life time 12-day sports tour embodies our school values of determination, excellence, respect and responsibility, and challenges students to play sport at a high, competitive standard whilst delving into the diverse cultural tapestry of South Africa.

This experience is partnered with a highly successful and reputable tour operator called Edwin Doran. Please click on the link below to view the proposed tour schedule and more information.

[Rugby and Netball Tour 2026, South Africa \(Western Cape & Garden Route\) \(edwindoran.com\)](https://edwindoran.com)

The current cost of the trip is approximately £2,693 to £2,800 and will include all travel and transport costs, activities, meals and insurance. A non-refundable deposit of £300 will be required by July 2024. We are aware that this is a considerable amount of money to pay and therefore we are launching this trip two years in advance and are exploring a range of different avenues to reduce the overall cost even further, such as, sponsorship partnerships, company donations, school fundraising events, student fundraising activities and parental contacts/networks.

Whilst this is an exceptional opportunity for your child's character development, we appreciate there are a lot of different points to consider and questions to be asked, and we would therefore like to invite you to a **Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 27 February 2024 at 5:30pm in the Main Hall. This is an information evening with no expectation to commit to the trip.** More information regarding a payment plan will be announced on the evening.

Please come and join us, along with Jeff Parker, the Regional Account Manager from Edwin Doran, to launch this remarkable school trip. If you would like to join us for the Parental Information Evening please **provide confirmation of your attendance via the MCAS app by going to the 'Clubs' section and then 'South Africa'.**

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Fawcett  
Associate Senior Leader

Mrs E Phelan  
Assistant Headteacher