



17 December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: BENFICA FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT TOUR – 16 TO 19 OCTOBER 2026

We are pleased to offer thirty-five students the opportunity to participate in a four-day, three-night football tour to Benfica, Portugal, from **Friday 16 October to Monday 19 October 2026**, at a cost of **£1033 per student**. The trip is open to students currently in Years 7 and 8.

What is included

- Three nights' accommodation in Benfica.
- Return flights and return coach transfer between the Academy and the airport (London Airport).
- Full board meal.
- Return match, training and sightseeing transfers.
- Minimum of 10kg luggage allowance.
- Airport Transfers in Portugal.
- 3 x training sessions on all aspects of play from the Benfica coaching staff.
- Use of the first team training facilities for all scheduled training sessions with club coaching staff.
- Behind the scenes tour of Estádio da Luz including visit to official club shop.
- 1 x pre-arranged match per squad against local opposition.
- Adidas *inspiresport* kit (shirt and shorts) for all students

Please note: meals during travel on **Day 1 (breakfast and lunch)** and **Day 4 (dinner)** are **not** included. Students should bring a packed lunch for Day 1 and pocket money for dinner on Day 4. For students entitled to Free School Meals, the cost of the two lunches will be covered; breakfast and dinner are **not** included.

Payments

Payments must be made directly to the Academy by the dates set out below. You may pay via the; Parent Pay, over the phone via card on 01375 480266 or via cash. If you are paying by cash, please place the money into an envelope with your **child's name on there, Benfica trip, the amount** and hand it into reception or to myself directly.

Please find below a breakdown of important upcoming dates with regards to payments:

Instalment	Amount	Due by
Non-refundable deposit	£250	Friday 30 January 2026
First instalment	£250	Friday 27 March 2026
Second instalment	£250	Tuesday 30 June 2026
Final balance	£267	Friday 21 August 2026

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To reserve a place, please complete the following Google Form by **Friday 23 January 2026**: (a Google account is not required; however, you may need to copy the link into Google Chrome.). <https://forms.gle/1XF3H8VX8pdFXTJt7>.

Places will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served basis**, subject to attendance, behaviour and academic record. Students who do not meet these requirements will not be permitted to attend. Full payment must be completed by **Friday 21 August 2026** and students without a completed consent form will be expected to attend their normal lessons on **Friday 19 October 2026**.

The **£250 non-refundable deposit** must be paid to the Academy. Only students on the waiting list who do not secure a place will receive a full refund. Deposits cannot be refunded if you choose to withdraw your child from this trip or if required documentation (passport and GHIC card) is not submitted on time.

Documentation

All students must have their own passport. British passports must be valid for at least **six months beyond the travel date** (i.e., valid through **16 April 2027**). A valid **EHIC/GHIC card** is also required by **July 2026**. We recommend applying via the official government website in June; the card is free of charge. [Get Healthcare Cover Traveling Abroad](#).

There will be a meeting at the Academy in September 2026 to discuss further details about this trip. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact, via email, at paul.morris@theglc.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Morris
DEPUTY HEAD OF PE