

14 November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

**RE: FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT TOUR TO MADRID 17 – 20 OCTOBER 2025**

Due to such a huge success of this Year's football trip to Milan, it is with pleasure that I write to inform you of another exciting opportunity for some of our students. This time the football development programme will take place at one of the top sporting destinations in Spain. This exciting initiative will give our young footballers at the Academy the opportunity to train with the expert professional youth coaches from Real Madrid.

Inspire Sport are the 'Official Partner of the English Schools Football Association' and are running these programmes in partnership with the top clubs and sports governing bodies. Young football enthusiasts of all ages, gender and abilities are able to participate in this trip and benefit not only from the specialist professional coaching but also the other educational and cultural benefits Madrid has to offer.

I have reserved forty spaces for a 4-day tour departing on **Friday 17 October 2025 and returning on Monday 20 October 2025**. Places are limited (there is a maximum of forty places available) so students will be allocated on a first-come, first serve basis, although places will be considered, dependent upon attendance, behaviour and academic record. There will be a waiting list of ten spaces. Students who do not meet the behaviour requirements for this trip will unfortunately not be allowed to participate. The cost of the trip will be £990.00. Please note that this price may differ as we will try to participate in events to raise money, to help reduce the overall cost. The price shown includes:

- Ground transportation provided for scheduled activities.
- Return flights to Spain.
- 3 nights' accommodation.
- 1 Fixture per team against local Spanish opposition.
- Travel and medical insurance.
- Full board to include dinner on day one and lunch on final day (all lunches at training ground).
- Three coaching sessions on all aspects of play from the Real Madrid Foundation Clinic full-time coaching staff.
- Use of the Valdebebas training facilities.
- Behind the scenes Bernabeu and official club shop visit.
- Visit to Madrid City Centre.
- Transport to and from the airport and training.

All students will need their own passports. Students travelling on a British passport will need to have a passport with at least six months left on it from the time of travel (Friday 17 October 2025). Students will also need an EHIC / GHIC card by the end of February 2025. I would advise you to apply in late December via the government website, it is free of charge. <https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card>. If you would like your child to be part of this amazing opportunity, **a deposit of £200.00 will need to be paid by 06 December 2024**. This will be set up on ParentPay. Alternatively, please feel free to telephone and pay your deposit over the telephone.

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If there is enough interest, there will be an opportunity to pay slightly more if parents/carers are happy to add extras such as a trip to a theme/water park and the chance to watch a game at the Bernabeu stadium (this will depend on fixture dates). There will also be a meeting that will be held with Inspire Sport, once numbers have been reached and a confirmed date will be sent out to parents/carers.

I am sure that you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity, for our students and with this in mind, should you wish your son or daughter to be included in this 'once in a lifetime trip' please complete and return the slip below to Student Services by **Friday 29 November 2024**. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me on telephone number 01375 489000, or via email at [paul.morris@theglc.org.uk](mailto:paul.morris@theglc.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Mr P Morris**  
**DEPUTY HEAD OF PE**

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**REPLY SLIP**

**RE: FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT TOUR TO INTER MILAN – 17 – 20 OCTOBER 2025**

I am interested in my son / daughter taking part in the football development tour to Inter Milan on 17 – 20 October 2025.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year / Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Any medical conditions/food allergies \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that have I have paid my child's deposit of £200.00 via ParentPay  / By Card

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please return completed slip to Student Services by Friday 29 November 2024)*