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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We would like to inform you that, given the expressions of interest from our Transition Year (TY) students, we plan to organise our annual G.C.C. Transition Year School Tour again during this academic year. This year's tour will be to Amsterdam, depending on final numbers and availability of flights, accommodation and access to tour venues. We have discussed the viability and organisational challenges with our students and received a very positive response to participating amongst the majority of students. We have emphasized that participation on the tour is voluntary, as we are conscious of the costs involved for many families.

It is our intention to split the TY year group into two tours, with provisional dates as follows:

Rang	Date
Cliona, Treasa, Sorcha	April 18 th -21 st
Breifne, Padraig, Niamh	April 25 th -28 th

Individual class groups travel together and are not split. This ensures continuity of learning across the curriculum for students not scheduled to travel on tour. You should note that this arrangement means that students will be travelling with their classmates and, in a minority of cases, some students may not be travelling with their social friends. The purpose of the tour is to enhance students' appreciation and understanding of a different culture and environment, to further develop students' social skills and to support their emergence as independent and emotionally resilient young people.

The cost of the tour is approx. 650euro - (depending on final flight prices, which depends on numbers interested!) made up of 2 instalments. The first payment deposit of €250 will fall due on Nov 16th 2022.

Payment will be made via an online system (see details below) with money paid directly to the school tour company.

Please note that all payments are non-refundable, so students must be fully committed to participating prior to booking a place on the tour.

Only students who have paid their transition year fees in full are eligible to travel on this tour. This can be checked with the school office.

Once you have paid your deposit, students must present a copy of the receipt to Ms. Manning and only on receipt of this is your application for a place on the tour confirmed. We will endeavour to accommodate as many students as possible subject to the constraints on numbers applied by the tour company. It will not be possible to consider applications submitted after the 16 November deadline.

Parents and students are asked to note that all students participating in the tour do so subject to acceptable school conduct. Given the nature of the tour and the high levels of supervision required in a foreign environment, the school reserves the right to refuse a place on the tour to a student based on their previous discipline history in the school and/or their discipline record during the current school year. Students will also be required to sign a code of conduct specific to the tour before they travel

Yours sincerely,

I. Manning (TY Coordinator)
