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Dear Parent/Carer,

Downlands Football Tour 2020

On Friday 19 October Downlands will be setting off on their 5th bi-annual football tour to a professional club.

This time students will be immersing themselves in what it is like to train and play at current Champions League participants PSV Eindhoven in Holland. Previous clubs visited include Valencia and Real Madrid in Spain, Ajax in Holland, and Porto in Portugal. These tours are a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their footballing ability, whilst also experiencing a little of what it is like to be a professional footballer.

Whilst on tour students receive professional coaching from the clubs own highly rated coaches. All of the training then takes place at the clubs own first class training facilities. Meaning students are getting the closest experience possible to that of a professional football player. They will also play matches against local opposition, and see a league match of the club we are visiting (fixtures permitting), along with a stadium tour.

This year's tour will last for six days and five nights. Currently we are provisionally earmarking a destination in Italy with Inter Milan a possible destination; however this is subject to change. The tour will be taking place during October half term 2020, and will cost approximately £750-£800.

The reason for sending this letter is to make you aware that there will be a tour in October 2020. We in the PE department are aware that there are lots of other amazing opportunities presented to the students; therefore we just wanted to let you know about the tour to assist with any planning. The tour is open to boys and girls, and everyone with an interest in football.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. More information regarding the tour will be coming out towards the end of this academic year.

Yours faithfully

Kyle Lusk
Tour Leader

