

6th May 2026

National Netball Squad Training Tour

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to launch the 2026 National Netball Squad Training Tour for students in current years 7 to 12, building upon the successful tour we ran last year, and our U16's qualification for National Finals. This tour offers the U14, U16, and U18 National Squads valuable team bonding and competitive match experience ahead of the National Schools competition. The National Schools Competition is the top and most prestigious school netball competition in England. It is a highly competitive competition, with three rounds of tournament days to decide on the National winner from each age group.

On this tour, the squads will play two competitive matches, have a team building activity (e.g., bowling), and a training session with an experienced external coach. This tour normally runs to Bath, where we play schools in the area, but this year we are relocating to the tour to Buckinghamshire, where we will likely play Haileybury and Stowe School. Final details and return timings will be confirmed in due course.

This **invite-only** trip requires a trial for selection. While trials are open to all, the aim is to take the final (or as close to as possible) National Squads, which will be made up of players across the two eligible year groups (e.g., Years 10 and 11 for U16).

Please note, there is quite a short turnaround between the trial and the payment deadline. You can see the trial and payment dates below:

Trial – Tuesday 30th June 2026, 4:15pm – 5:45pm at Nursery Road

Payment deadline – Thursday 2nd July 2026, 12pm

If your daughter would like to be considered for this trip, please register your interest by following the instructions in this message by **1st June 2026**. After this date, a confirmation will be sent to confirm your daughter's place and ParentPay will be opened. A non-refundable payment of £215 will be due by Thursday 2nd July 2026 to secure her place. **Please note that all payments are non-refundable.**

We would expect any players who are wanting to represent the school at Nationals to trial for this tour. If you foresee any issues with this tour but would still like for your daughter to be considered for one of the National Squads, please get in touch with me ASAP.

Please find details of the tour below:

Cost: £210

Date: 9th-10th October 2026

Meet time & venue: Leave from school at (roughly) 1pm, Friday 9th October

Departure from venue: TBC

Return time to WHS: TBC

Travel arrangements: Coach

Min. / Max. Number of Students: 10 per squad (30 students)

Accommodation: Premier Inn, Hemel Hempstead Central

Food arrangements: Friday dinner, and breakfast/lunch on Saturday will be provided in the cost, but students must bring money for Friday lunch and Saturday dinner – depending on our return time.

Please note, that if your daughter is offered a place on this trip, it does not guarantee that your daughter will be selected for Nationals. This information will be communicated to individual students directly if this is the case.

Details of the GDST Travel Insurance cover can be found on Firefly [here](#). For your information, a three-year plan of Wimbledon High School senior residential trips can be found on Firefly [here](#).

If you have any further questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
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