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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: "Tennis on Tour" - RGSHW Wimbledon Museum Trip 2026

I am writing to let you know about this exciting and educational trip to the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum, which will take place on Thursday 12th March.

This is a rare opportunity for students to take part in an immersive experience that will see them learning about tennis, from the grassroots to the global game. There will be interactive workshops and the tour provides an introduction to the life of a 21st century tennis player.

Students will learn the differences between the 3 playing surfaces and how players earn points and rankings throughout the year as they work towards the various Grand Slam tournaments. They will then have the opportunity to take on the role of a player on the professional tour in an activity where they will have to make decisions regarding their training, travel, finances, and what success looks like for them. There will also be a tour of Wimbledon itself and a museum visit.

The cost of the event is £49 per student, including coach transport. We will be leaving RGS no later than 8am and returning by 4pm. Students should bring their own packed lunch and may wear their PE kit on the trip.

In the first instance, I would like to offer this opportunity to all members of the RGS tennis community (Y8 to Y10) who are keen to learn more about life as a professional player. It would also suit those who are doing GCSE PE, are considering further education or interested in pursuing a career in sport.

As participation numbers are limited, please complete the expression of interest form, via the following link, by close Wednesday 28th January 2026.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScXQISSB_y1zxQkdvAEwCEmkNthHFmHGI_Nzz8SVK0w0AfItQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Please note that an expression of interest does not guarantee a place, but once places are confirmed this will be deemed a firm commitment and full payment will be required.

Parents/Carers must be aware that withdrawing a student from a confirmed school trip may incur costs that the school is obligated to cover. These costs can include, but are not limited to: Non-refundable

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payments made to travel operators, accommodation providers, or activity venues; Cancellation fees levied by service providers; Costs associated with staffing and resources allocated based on the initial number of participants.

We would not like any student to be prevented from going on a trip for purely financial reasons: Pupil Premium (PP) Support is available. If a student qualifies for Pupil Premium and requires support, please contact Mr Sheehan, Assistant Head (gds@rgshw.com). General Financial Hardship: If the cost is otherwise prohibitive, please contact Mr Sheehan in strictest confidence to explore available funding. Sixth Form Bursary: Support for Sixth Form students not on Pupil Premium may be available via a bursary scheme.

Further information and final payment details will be provided post selection for the trip.

Please come back to Mr Nathan Crinyion (nic@rgshw.com) if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Gemma Waddell
Teacher of PE and Teacher i/c of Racket Sports