



Holland Hockey Tour Saturday 26 April to Wednesday 30 April 2025

Frequently Asked Questions:

Do the visiting pupils need their own room?

Yes please, they would like to share with each other in their own room, this allows them a degree of comfort. In most cases they are happy to share a double bed or twin beds but a mattress on the floor is fine to make the logistics work.

How do the pupils get to and from school?

On a school day they will travel with your son / daughter as they normally do. If you need bus tickets booking, please let Mr McCollin know the details and he will arrange this. For the sporting fixtures, please drop off and pick up as needed for the fixture itinerary.

Can we get together with other host families?

That would be a great idea if possible. If you are happy to share contact details, please let school know and we will share them with the host families. Having some organised gathering and activities can take the pressure off. The largest window of time is Sunday morning for the boys and Sunday afternoon for the girls.

When do we find out about our visitors?

We will let you know who you are hosting the week before the pupils are due to arrive. We will match host families where possible; we will also match requirements (e.g. dietary, allergies to animals etc) to families who's situations are similar.

Do we know medical / dietary information?

Yes, when we confirm host families you are given that information and we can talk through before / with the Dutch staff when they arrive if we have any worries or concerns.

Do the visiting pupils need packed lunches?

Please offer and be prepared to supply them with a packed lunch each day but they may use their own money to get lunch at Drayton Manor (Monday) and Stratford (Tuesday) so please discuss directly with them.

What is the school's best bit of advice for making the visit a success?

The first evening is incredibly important in the process; having food together, playing games and being part of the host families means that the trip is built on very solid foundations but please keep in mind that they will be tired from travelling. The next key would be that communication is essential with the Dutch visitors, Dutch and Princethorpe staff; it is always easier to deal with issues before they arise.

Useful Questions for Parents To Answer:

- Do you have any animals at home?
- Do you need any transport booking? If so, which bus and which stop?
- Do you have any dietary requirements for the BBQ?
- Are you happy for your contact details to be shared with other host families? If so, which email address and telephone number.

Provisional Itinerary 2025

(subject to change)

Saturday 26 April 2025

This first night is incredibly important so that all involved get to know each other and create the supportive atmosphere.

4.00pm	Email from Mr McCollin giving an update on the arrival time.
5.10pm	Parents meet the other host families, discuss plans depending on locations where families live, gender they are hosting etc
5.15pm	Princethorpe host families meet at Limes (timing will be confirmed depending on travel information on the day)
5.30pm	Holland Hockey guests arrive
6.00pm	Depart with host families

Evening email from Mr McCollin

Sunday 27 April 2025

9.00am Girls meet at College. Host families pick up the girls after fixtures (collection times below) for afternoon with families. Activities might be organised as groups.

Host families of the boys enjoy the morning with families and then play afternoon fixtures.

Start	Gender	Princethorpe team	Hopbel Hockey team	Collection time
9.30am	Girls	Princethorpe U13A/Host families White tops	B team Blue tops	10.45am
10.45am	Girls	U14 /Host families White tops	A team Blue tops	12.00pm

Host families pick up the girls after fixtures (collection times above) for an afternoon with families. Activities might be organised as groups.

2.45pm Boys meet at College

Start	Gender	Princethorpe team	Hopbel Hockey team	Collection time
3.15pm	Boys	U17 Red tops	A team White tops	After the BBQ

4.30/5.00pm Holland Hockey BBQ for host families and Dutch guests. Sixth Form Lawn if the weather is appropriate or the Sixth Form Centre if wet weather. Finish for 6.30/7.00pm.

Evening email from Mr McCollin

Monday 28 April 2025

- 8.40am All Dutch pupils meet at College travelling to school with their host families – car, coach or minibus.
9.15am Dutch pupils depart for Drayton Manor
4.00pm Dutch pupils return from Drayton Manor and hockey players arrive for fixtures.

Boys travel to offsite for their fixture via College minibus/Hopbel coach.

4.15pm **Girls' Hockey**
Princethorpe U15A - Hopbel Hockey Club A team (H). Collection time 5.30pm

5.00pm **Boys' Hockey** at Rugby School

Start	Gender	Princethorpe team	Hopbel Hockey team	Collection time
5.00pm	Boys	U14/U15 Red tops	A team White tops	6.00pm from venue or 6.30pm from Princethorpe College

5.30pm **Girls' Hockey**
Princethorpe U14A vs Hopbel Hockey Club B team (H). Collection time 6.45pm

Evening email from Mr McCollin

Tuesday 29 April 2025

- 8.40am All Dutch guests meet at College travelling to school with their host families – car, coach or minibus.
9.15am Dutch pupils depart to Stratford
3.00pm Dutch pupils return to College
3.30pm **Boys' Hockey**
Princethorpe U14A - Hopbel Hockey Club (H). Collection time 4.45pm
4.45pm **Girls' Hockey**
Princethorpe U15/U14 - Hopbel Hockey Club B team (H). Collection time 6.00pm
6.00pm **Girls' Hockey**
Princethorpe U16/17 - Hopbel Hockey Club A team (H). Collection time 7.15pm

Host families pick up after fixtures for final night with families

Evening email from Mr McCollin

Wednesday 30 April 2025

- 8.40am All Dutch guests meet at College travelling to school with their host families – car, coach or minibus.
9.15am Dutch guests return to Hopbel Hockey Club