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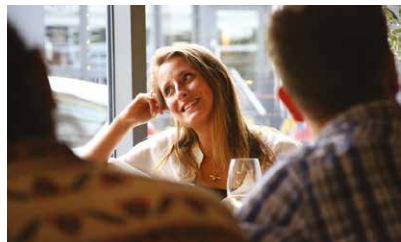
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LETTER FROM THE WARDEN



Dear Cricket Tourists,

Some of my best memories from university are going on tour all the way to Scotland; what a treat it is for you to be travelling to Barbados, which will be – both in temperament and weather – a far cry from the northern reaches of this island.

Going abroad with friends is always very special but so much more so when you are travelling with a shared interest and are dedicated to the aim of playing one of the finest games. Such journeys reinforce real team spirit and camaraderie, and will no doubt create wonderful memories.

It is important that you take with you not only the spirit of Teddies present but also the great sporting history and traditions of Teddies past.

So go well and enjoy the tour; play strongly and with style and good grace; most of all hold together with determination and courage, and play honestly for Teddies.

With very best wishes for an excellent time at the crease and in the field.

Stephen Jones

ST EDWARD'S CRICKET

Simon Roche (Master i/c Cricket)

St Edward's has a rich cricketing heritage. The earliest records of results for the School's XI date from 1873. Since then it has produced a number of notable cricketers. Foremost amongst these is Russell Henry Bencraft, the 'father' of Hampshire cricket, who acted as their president, secretary, first captain and player. Then there is our first international player, EG Wynyard, a boy at St Edward's in the late 1870s, who went on to play three matches for England and who is credited with the 'invention' of the sweep shot. PA Gibb, a pupil here from 1927 to 1931, has the great distinction of scoring 93 and 106 in his two innings on test debut against



South Africa at Johannesburg in 1938. He also participated in the 'Timeless Test' against South Africa during the same series. In total he played in eight tests for England and 287 First Class matches combined for Yorkshire, Essex and Cambridge University. St Edward's has also produced some 15 players who have gone on to win either a Dark or a Light Blue.

St Edward's has been blessed with some outstanding masters, coaches and professionals. The most significant contributions have come from F Reid, the School's professional from 1891 to 1908, Arthur Tilly (MCR), who coached the 1st XI from 1919 to 1945, and Bill





Edrich the professional from 1968 to 1987. In more recent years the club has been guided by Roland Butcher (Middlesex and England) and Rex Hooton (former Auckland player and coach) from 2010 until 2015. Today the 1st XI are coached by Richard Howitt (former Nottinghamshire CCC) and Dave Simpkins (former Gloucestershire CCC).

Over recent years we have produced a number of exciting young cricketers. Miles Hammond represented the England U19 team in the 2014 World Cup, and received his full first class cap for Gloucestershire CCC in 2013. Joe Barrett captained Gloucestershire 2nd XI in 2014, and Feroz Baig was Wisden's leading schoolboy wicket taker in 2013 and 2014. Calvin Dickinson and AJ Woodland both made their 2nd XI debuts in 2015 (for Worcestershire CCC and Hampshire CCC respectively). Harrison Ward became the youngest player ever to be capped in a minor counties final (for Oxfordshire CCC) and to score a century. In 2015 the School had three boys playing at the ECB Bunbury festival.

In recent years we have had the following successes:
 2015 – 16 wins and the John Harvey Cup
 2014 – 20 wins (unbeaten in all day games) and the John Harvey Cup
 2013 - 17 wins and the John Harvey Cup
 2012 – 16 wins

We will return from Barbados to a tough fixture card featuring the likes of Harrow, Eton and the Oxford University Blues. We play our cricket on 'Upper One' which boasts the Martyrs Pavilion (designed by eminent architect John Pawson and opened in 2009) and makes for one of the finest settings for 1st XI cricket in the country. St Edward's now has an outstanding reputation as one of the top cricket-playing schools in the UK, and one of our motivations to go on tour is because we very much intend to keep it that way. I am sure the tour will help to establish a strong team ethic, strong friendships, and above all, a memorable social, cultural and educational experience.

ALEC STEWART OBE

Former England Captain; currently Director of Cricket at Surrey CCC.

I am fortunate enough to have toured Barbados on three occasions during my England career and can guarantee that the St Edward's cricket squad will enjoy the experience that both the cricket and the fascinating culture of the country will bring. Barbados is a very passionate cricketing nation and for such a small island has produced a vast number of high quality cricketers who have helped the West Indies compete and succeed at the very highest level. The names of Malcolm Marshall, Sir Garfield Sobers and Gordon Greenidge immediately spring to mind as players that fit into the world class bracket. At whatever level they play nearly all Bajans will have a smile on their face and enjoy the great game of



cricket but do not let that disguise the fact they have a huge desire to compete and win! Expect to have your cricket skills tested to the full as you'll encounter highly talented and at times unorthodox cricketers. My biggest piece of advice to the lucky cricketers going on this tour is to enjoy every moment of this wonderful opportunity. Play your cricket hard, play it fair and play to win. Remember that you're not only representing your School but you are also acting as ambassadors for our country.

Have a great time and good luck.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'ALEC STEWART'.



JOHN WOODCOCK OBE

*OSE, Cricket writer and journalist, Times Cricket Correspondent 1954-1988,
Editor of Wisden 1981-1986, President of the Cricket Writers' Club between 1986 and 2004.*

I can think of nowhere I would rather be going in February than Barbados, let alone to play cricket while still at school. Apart from the occasional shower, the weather will be perfect; it is the height of their cricket season and the place effects a sense of excitement like few others.

Barbados's reputation as one of the great cricket nurseries dates from the 1940s and the emergence of the legendary three Ws, Clyde Walcott, Everton Weekes and Frank Worrell, all of them among the finest batsmen who ever lived and all born within six months and a few miles of each other in Barbados, an island roughly the size of the Isle of Wight.

When, many years ago, Michael Ramsey, then the Archbishop of Canterbury, was on a tour of the Caribbean, he preached one morning in the cathedral in Bridgetown, the capital of Barbados, and he took as his 'text' the three Ws. Although his interest in cricket was known to be minimal at the best, there was a stirring in the pews indicating surprise and eager anticipation when he said, "Yes,



the three Ws," and then after a well-timed pause, "Work, Worship and Wisdom." So he had a sense of humour as well as a magnificent countenance.

Barbadians are among the most natural of all cricketers – not quite as dominant collectively, perhaps, as when they took on the Rest of the World and held their own, but still tremendously keen and a real handful on their own island. If the teams you play against would probably win the John Harvey Cup if it were played in Barbados, that does not necessarily mean they would do so in England, so different are the two games.

The average Bajan enjoys nothing more than emulating the best fast bowlers of the day. Tony Lewis, the former England captain, tells the story of a couple of waiters at the Coral Reef Club, one of the fine hotels up the west coast, asking him if they could come and bowl at him in the nets. Sounds like some good practice, he thought. Instead, he got more than he had bargained for as one bouncer followed another. The locals, for their part, can be seriously uncomfortable against accurate spin.

Whatever you do, keep smiling, respect the sun, remember that one rum punch is dangerous and two can make a fool of you, have a marvellous time and thank your lucky stars for the experience of a lifetime. If you are really lucky you may see, perhaps even meet, Gary Sobers, the greatest of all all-round cricketers and the most illustrious living Barbadian. To do that, though, you may have to go to one of the island's three or four golf courses, the game he now can't leave alone.

GORDON GREENIDGE

Opening batsman for the West Indies Cricket Team between 1974 and 1991.

Dear St Edward's,

Firstly I would like to say to all the touring party good wishes for a successful tour, but most of all enjoy Barbados in all it has to offer to the max. I am sure all will have great memories when returning.

Sincere greetings.

Gordon Greenidge



JASON HOLDER

Current West Indies captain.

Dear St Edward's,

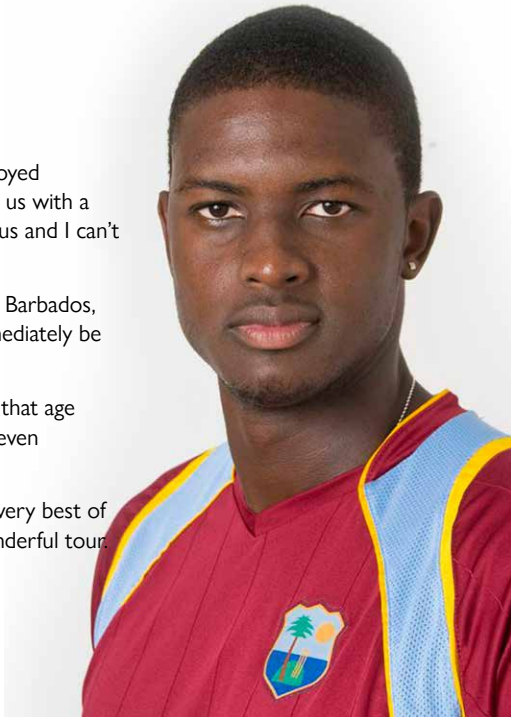
Playing for my club Wanderer's growing up, we always enjoyed playing against the touring teams from the UK. It provided us with a different challenge which typically brought out the best in us and I can't remember ever losing to a touring team!

St Edward's are guaranteed to receive a warm welcome in Barbados, just mention cricket to anyone you meet and you will immediately be treated as a friend.

You will have some great cricket matches and you will see that age group cricket in Barbados is still very strong and you may even encounter the next generation of West Indies players.

So, I wish Simon, Richard and the St Edward's players the very best of luck for what I am sure will be a memorable and truly wonderful tour.

Jason Holder



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ST EDWARD'S CRICKET TOUR TO BARBADOS 10 – 21 FEBRUARY 2016

DAY 1 WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

06:00 Departure from St Edward's by bus.
London Gatwick to Barbados (Virgin Atlantic)

11:00 Depart South Terminal VS29

16:05 Arrive Grantley Adams Int. Airport, Barbados

Luggage allowance is 2 x 23kg per person. A Smile Group Travel representative staff member will be present to assist with check in. Upon arrival in Barbados (local time – 4 hours behind the UK), you will be met by our local staff representative and transferred to Coconut Court Beach Hotel, where your group will stay for 10 nights.

Evening swim in the Caribbean sea followed by meal at restaurant

DAY 2 THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

08.00 Briefing meeting after breakfast followed by staff and pupils tour meeting. Meet in the hotel for transfers to Franklyn Stephenson's Cricket Academy (the usual training ground for the West Indies Cricket team when on the Island) for a training session with a Smile Ambassador and West Indies legend such as Gordon Greenidge



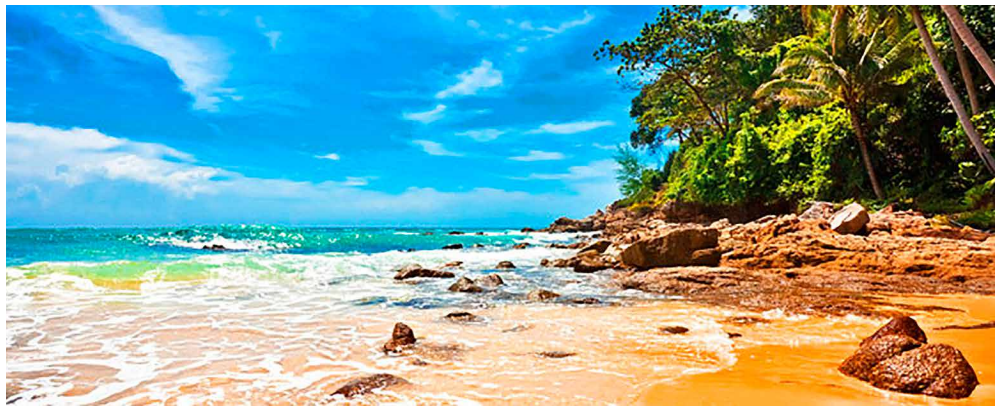
14:30 Trip to 'Legends' Cricket Museum and Tour of Kensington Oval

19:30 Evening meal at Oistins Fish Fry

DAY 3 FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

09:00 After breakfast, team and staff meet in reception for cricket transfer for 1st fixture: 50 over match v Lester Vaughan School at Empire Cricket Club

18:00 Return to hotel





DAY 4 SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

09:00 After breakfast, team and staff meet in reception for cricket transfer for 2nd fixture: 50 over match v Wanderer's at Wanderer's Cricket Club

19:00 Social event at Wanderer's to include BBQ

DAY 5 SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

10:00 Beach day and lunch at The Boatyard

19:30 Dinner at hotel

DAY 6 MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

08.30 After breakfast, team and staff meet in reception for cricket transfer for 3rd fixture: 50 over match v Lodge School at Windward Cricket Club

17:00 Team and staff transferred back to hotel late afternoon

19:30 Evening meal to be hosted by the Woodcocks and the Woodlands

DAY 7 TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

08:00 Tiami Catamaran Cruise (including lunch, snorkeling and the chance to swim with the turtles) followed by beach time, or 9 holes of golf at Rockley Golf Club

19.30 Evening meal at Blakey's

DAY 8 WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

Day at leisure – Beach day or 9 holes of golf at Rockley (to be paid locally)

17:30 Pick up for transfer for 4th fixture, evening: T20 match v Passage United

Meal provided after match

21:30 Transfer back to hotel

DAY 9 THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

08.30 After breakfast, team and staff meet in reception for cricket transfer for 5th fixture:

50 over match v Barbados Schools.

50 over match at 3W's Oval

19.30 Evening meal to be hosted by the Chaffers

DAY 10 FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

08.30 After breakfast, team and staff meet in hotel reception for transfer to 6th fixture: 50 over game v Combermere School at Combermere

17:00 Team and staff transferred back to the hotel late afternoon

19:30 End of tour dinner at Bubba's

DAY 11 SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

10:00 Last breakfast and meetings. Pack to depart and morning on the beach

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Meet in reception for the transfer to the airport

17:30 Departure from Barbados to London Gatwick on Virgin Atlantic flight VS30

DAY 12 SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

06:55 Arrive London Gatwick South Terminal

Bus transfer to School, estimated arrival time –
10:00

TONY COZIER

Tony Cozier *A cricket writer and commentator for West Indian cricket since 1958. A commentator for BBC's Test Match Special commentary team, Channel Nine in Australia, and Sky Sports.*

In welcoming the young St Edward's teams to my home island of Barbados, I confess that I do so with a certain amount of envy. Not that it is St Edward's alone that my envy is directed at! I'm jealous of all those school cricketers who now traverse the cricketing globe with a freedom and frequency unthinkable to those of my vintage.

There is even more. An official International Cricket Council (ICC) U19 World Cup comes around every two years. It has been the stepping stone to the highest level for a host of players; 23 international captains have featured in the 10 tournaments to date. Several have gone on to become the finest cricketers of their generation. Brian Lara, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Mike Atherton, Nasser Hussain and Sanath Jayasuriya first appeared

on global television in 1988. Michael Clarke and Graeme Smith followed in Sri Lanka in 2000 and Ross Taylor and Hashim Amla in New Zealand in 2002. Subsequent tournaments have revealed Alistair Cook, Angelo Matthews, Steve Smith, Kane Williamson and our own Jason Holder. Every country now has its own championships for U19's, U17's and U15's. It is where the names that eventually dominate Test match scorecards start their journey.

The talent pool from which such teams are chosen comes largely from schools such as St Edward's; they initially feed county, state, provincial and island teams which, in turn, provide the recruits for national age-group squads. The summit of the climb after that is Tests or ODI's.



I recall first seeing Nasser Hussain bat on an Essex U15's tour of Barbados. Wise old men not inclined to hand out praise lightly nodded their approval as this stripling of a boy reeled off a hundred on the small ground at Holder's Hill on the west coast. Perhaps some of the St Edward's boys on this tour have the natural talent and the drive to follow Hussain's example. They can be sure that their Bajan opponents have just that in mind!

So what's so different now to what it was for those of us whose schooldays in Barbados were so long ago that they are a hazy memory?

In Barbados, our horizons were limited to an occasional tour to one of the neighbouring islands. The furthest we ventured in my eight years at the Lodge School in Barbados was to St Lucia and Trinidad, each less than 200 miles across the sea. Sadly, I'm convinced that such constraints frustrated what would have been my certain advance into the Barbados and West Indies teams. My contention – and I'm sticking to it – is that without the present day opportunities, there was no way I could properly improve. I completely discounted my hopeless ability or the example of others under the same restrictions who went on to represent Barbados and the West Indies, even when still at school. In the end, I accepted reality and stuck to writing and commentating on the game.

At the time, the three leading grammar schools in Barbados – The Lodge, Harrison College and Combermere – were included in the top division of Barbados Club Cricket. The idea was that confronting experienced, adult opponents, invariably with a few Test or Barbados players in their ranks would toughen the boys for the daunting cricket ahead and there were

several who gained Barbados and even West Indies selection whilst still at school.

Derek Sealy, a stylish batsman who could keep wicket and bowl at steady medium pace, remains West Indies' youngest Test player. Aged 17 years, 122 days, he was at Combermere when he scored a hundred for Barbados against the touring England side in 1930 earning him selection to the first Test at Kensington Oval. He had to first get permission for time off. Roy Marshall made his first class debut for Barbados when 15 whilst still at The Lodge School; he went on to 4 Tests for the West Indies before joining Hampshire where he enjoyed an outstanding career as an aggressive opening batsman. Frank Worrell was at Combermere and Clyde Walcott at Harrison College when they came into the Barbados team. Later joined by Everton Weekes, the trio became the three Ws who comprised a formidable West Indies middle order for 10 years following the resumption of Test cricket after the end of World War Two.

More recently, Robin Bynoe, a contemporary of mine at Lodge rivals, Harrison College, made his Test debut, aged 17.

Eventually, an overall combined schools' team replaced the previously privileged three in the top division; they have since provided Kraigg Brathwaite, who had just graduated from Combermere in his first Test, aged 18, and Jason Holder to the West Indies team.

As in everything in life, more so in sport, success tends to depend on attitude, ability and opportunity. It's just a matter of seizing the moment.

Good luck to Simon, Richard and the St Edward's boys.

CRICKET TOUR SQUAD

Brandon Allen

Top score: 109
 Best bowling: N/A
 Style: R H Top Order
 Batsman, Wicket-Keeper
 Favourite cricketer:
 Craig Kieswetter



James Curtis

Top score: 117
 Best bowling: 7-43
 Style: R H Middle / Lower
 Order Batsman, R A
 Leg-Spin
 Favourite cricketer:
 Anil Kumble



Rory Hipwell

Top score: 134*
 Best bowling: 6-24
 Style: R H Middle / Lower
 Order Batsman, R A Fast
 Favourite cricketer:
 Andrew Flintoff



James Bazeley

Top score: 81*
 Best bowling: 4/16
 Style: R H Lower Order
 Batsman, R A Medium/
 Fast
 Favourite cricketer:
 Monty Panesar



Guy Deasy

Top score: 88
 Best bowling: 4-10
 Style: R H Middle / Lower
 Order Batsman, R A
 Leg-spin
 Favourite cricketer:
 Monty Panesar



Tom Powell

Top score: 106
 Best bowling: 4-4
 Style: R H Middle Order
 Batsman. R A Medium
 Favourite cricketer:
 Adil Rashid



Will Chaffer

Top score: 35
 Best bowling: 4/26
 Style: R H Lower Order
 Batsman, R A Leg-spin
 Favourite cricketer:
 Moeen Ali



Will Deasy

Top score: 94
 Best bowling: My hat
 trick
 Style: R H Top Order
 Batsman, R A Medium
 Favourite cricketer:
 Moeen Ali



James Sandom

Top score: 79
 Best bowling: 4-32
 Style: R H Middle Order
 Batsman, R H Off-spin
 Favourite cricketer:
 Will Deasy



Ben Charlesworth

Top score: 142
 Best bowling: 4/14
 Style: L H Opening
 Batsman, R A Medium
 Favourite cricketer:
 Kumar Sangakkara



**Horatio Scott
Lyon**

Top score: 95*
 Best bowling: N/A
 Style: R H Top Order
 Batsman
 Favourite cricketer:
 Richard Howitt

**Andrew Wyles**

Top score: 125*
 Best bowling: 5/6
 Style: R H Middle Order
 Batsman, R A Fast/
 Medium
 Favourite cricketer:
 Rex Hooton

**Simon Roche**

Top score: 86
 Best bowling: 6/9
 Style: R H Pinch Hitter,
 R A Rapidly Slowing
 Favourite cricketer:
 Michael Atherton

**Harrison Ward**

Top score: 115*
 Best bowling: 5/9
 Style: L H Opening
 Batsman, R A Off-spin
 Favourite cricketer:
 Alastair Cook

**Tom Wyles**

Top score: 38
 Best bowling: 4/11
 Style: R H Lower Order
 Batsman, R A Medium
 Favourite cricketer:
 Chris Gayle

**Dave Simpkins**

Top score: 187
 Best bowling: 8 for 30
 Style: R H Batsman,
 R A Off-spin
 Favourite cricketer:
 Shane Warne

**James Woodcock**

Top score: 62
 Best bowling: 5-11
 Style: R H Middle Order
 Batsman, R A Off-Spin
 Favourite cricketer:
 Ben Stokes

**Richard Howitt**

Top score: 197*
 Best bowling: 7/36
 Style: L H Opening
 Batsman, R A Off-spin
 Favourite cricketer:
 Harold Larwood

**Jonny Nelmes**

Top score: 87
 Best bowling: 6-21
 Style: R H Middle
 Order, Variety Bowler
 Favourite cricketer:
 Shane Warne

**A J Woodland**

Top score: 131
 Best bowling: 5-27
 Style: L H Top Order
 Batsman, R A Fast Medium
 Favourite cricketer:
 Alex Hales



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