

Gibraltar '16

Wroughton ASC Training Camp

News on 2016 Training Camp

As you will all be aware, the ASA have changed our whole competitive calendar, which resulted in our County Championships being brought forward to January/February. So using February Half term for a training camp, is not an option any more.

We have been looking at alternatives - but within the timescale that we have had, there were only two realistic alternatives. Both are places we have visited before - Cyprus and Gibraltar. Parents are nervous about getting too close to the conflict in Syria which is quite understandable.

Airline costs during half term rise significantly, and we were reluctant to plan something that would require absence from school during term time. So having looked at both options carefully, we are opting for a 5 day / 4 night camp in Gibraltar, but using flights that allow us to have enough concentrated swimming as before contained within half term week..

Gibraltar is a venue we are familiar with - but I don't think any of the current swimmers will have been there before, so it will be a new experience for them.



It's a safe place with little or no crime - unless you count smuggling over the Spanish border.

It will give us a chance to team up with our friends from GASA, many of whom were at our Open Meet in November.

There is much to be finalised, but need an indication from the swimmers - or rather the parents on the outline plans and costs.

Who can go ?

The swimmers will need to be fit and as usual, Sandra will have the ultimate say on who can go - based purely on ability level. Looks like £585 inclusive of everything except travel to Birmingham Airport and return.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, SIMPLY DROP ME AN E-MAIL AT THIS STAGE. WE WILL DEAL WITH A FORMAL APPLICATION ETC WHEN WE HAVE FINALISED COSTS

Flying with Monarch

We are in discussions with the Groups team at Monarch Airlines and have some preliminary prices from them, for flights leaving Birmingham on Monday 24th October at 15:10, returning on Friday 28th October '16 at 21:55.



Which Hotel ?

We are looking to stop at the Elliott Hotel in the centre of Gibraltar, just off the main street. We will be using twin and triple rooms and virtually everything is within walking distance of the hotel - .have a look for yourself:

www.elliotthotel.com

GASA's Swimming Pool

GASA operate in 16 lane 25m pool which will be staging the Island Games in 2019. It's used extensively by everyone in Gibraltar not only the Club, so we are currently waiting to get confirmation that pool time is available.



Gibraltar also boasts an outdoor 50m pool, managed by the military - we are also trying to establish if this might be available for some of our sessions.