

HOCKEY TOUR 2011



On Monday 18th April 32 scholars travelled to Valkenburg, Holland for Bedstone Colleges first ever girls hockey- and what a success it was!

The girls departed College at 1:30am on Monday morning for the journey to Valkenburg. Even though we had a very early start the excitement on the bus was high! The girls travelled exceptionally well with only three scholars asking 'Are we nearly there yet?'

We arrived at Hotel Schaepkens at 4pm on Monday afternoon and we were greeted by amazing weather. The sun was shining and would continue to do so for the entire week, with many girls keen to top up their tan as well as improve their hockey!

The girls were show to their rooms and all were impressed by the fantastic accommodation and facilities at the Hotel. We quickly unpacked and made our way down to dinner for our first taste of the 'buffet' style dining. What food we were going to be eating for the week was a major factor for the girls, some concerned they may go hungry for a week. Yet, the food was AMAZING! One scholar was quoted as saying '*is this all for us!?*' the variety and quality of the food was superb. The girls made the most of the full English breakfasts, taking on board plenty of energy every morning for the jam packed days of sight seeing, training and matches.

During the week the girls trained for two hours every day, had fixtures in the afternoons, experienced Cave Laser Quest, the World Famous Pancake House, Tobogganing, visted Mosaqua Water Park and even managed to fit a end of week

tournament in, where the Bedstone were runners up- losing out only on goal difference.

The College played against prodigious clubs such as Sjinborn Hockey Club, Heerlen Hockey Club and Oirschot Hockey Club. The matches were very exciting and the girls played exceptionally well and showed great improvement and promise for next season.

A highlight for me was seeing the girls with the drive and passion to succeed and improve. They worked exceptionally hard during the training sessions in the morning and the benefit of training on a water based astro allowed the girls to up their game and play faster paced balls.

I wish to congratulate the girls on their fantastic effort and the movements they have made over the season.

Roll on tour 2012!

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