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Dear Head of PE

BSME under 11 Football Competition 2022

Hosted by St Christopher's School, Bahrain

We are back!!

We are pleased to extend this invitation to Year 5 and 6 pupils to participate in the British Schools in the Middle East (BSME) Football competition to be held at St Christopher's School, Bahrain on Friday 3 February and Saturday 4 February 2023.

This competition provides pupils with an opportunity to compete against different schools in a fun and friendly environment.

The competition will be open to any boy or girl from years 5 and 6 who will be under 11 years old by 31st August 2023. Please check dates of birth before you select your team. Over-age, pupils will not be allowed to compete under any circumstances.

We will be playing 8-a-side games on 3, 4g artificial surfaces. There will be no squad size restriction. You are welcome to enter as many teams as you would like in both gender categories. Please indicate on the booking form how many teams you wish to bring, so a playing schedule can be devised.

The format for the weekend will be dependent on numbers, but we envisage the weekend to run as follows:

Friday	3 February	Girls Competition	9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday	4 February	Boys Competition	9:00am-5:00pm

The competition fee required from each pupil will be BD20. This covers the cost of water, packed lunches for all pupils and staff on Friday and Saturday, referees, first aid cover, medals and trophies. **Transport and accommodation are not included**, but I am able to book transport for you once I know your requirements. Below are the transport prices:

Type	Return journey	Single journey
60 seats	BD65	BD40
22 seats	BD45	BD35
12 seats	BD25	BD20

At this stage, when organising an event like this, it is extremely hard to be certain of exact costs until teams are confirmed.

Accommodation

Our school is currently working to secure preferential rates for visiting teams. I will send a list of hotels with contacts for your information as soon as they have been collated. There are a number of cheap hotels close to the school, with



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the IBIS, Crowne Plaza and Swiss Bell Hotel being about a 10-minute drive away. For costing purposes, traditionally double rooms can be found for approximately BD40 a night.

We can also arrange buses to the City Centre shopping mall or any other activities in the evening, should any school wish to take their students to the cinema, bowling, trampoline parks, amusement arcade, shopping or out for dinner at the various food court outlets.

Flights, visas and hotel bookings are the responsibility of the visiting school. Once I have confirmation of schools I will gather further information about your transport requirements, flight details etc.

If you would like to attend this event please fill in the following Google Form from 12 September onwards: [Registration](#) by Monday 31 October 2022.

I will also require a \$500 non-refundable deposit per school. I will generate an invoice once you have confirmed attendance via the Google form. This will need to be paid by 31 October 2022 to confirm your place. Full payment must be received by 10 January 2023.

As soon as I have confirmed the number of teams playing, I will send you more information about the schedule, rules etc.

If you need any further information please don't hesitate to email me: mark.holness@staff.st-chris.net

Regards,

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