



Transform Your Team – 3rd April 2018 The Glamorgan Academy has toured Abu Dhabi, Mumbai and, South Africa

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The First Academy Tour Dubai and Abu Dhabi in 2008 squad then we had a 6-year gap between this tour and the next one due to financial constraints

#Academy Tour Update South Africa



The Academy boys had an excellent trip to South Africa (February 2018). After allowing one day to settle in, we started the tour with a double training day with nets and fielding in the morning and a middle practice in the afternoon in preparation for our game against Hampshire Academy on Sunday, which resulted in an excellent victory. The accommodation and facilities at Hilton College have been first class, and the weather did not disappoint or hinder anything planned. Following that excellent win on Sunday we had a recovery session on Monday morning, and then on Monday afternoon, we had access to the middle for many cricket scenario sessions. This access to cricket strips for practice is something our players are not used to but, it is hugely beneficial for both batsmen and bowlers to replicate match scenarios. Two more training days were followed by a further T20

“If we don't change our direction, we are likely to end up where we are headed.” ~ Chinese Proverb



Hampshire on our last cricket day of the tour. In a very busy schedule we managed to fit in a trip to the Karkloof Wildlife Reserve for a game drive.

View from @PhilJBish

The primary purpose of the tours is for the players to experience different cricketing conditions and cultures as well as learning to cope with different environmental climates. The trips also help develop other aspects other than cricket some essential life skills including the mental issues of touring (being away from family and friends and living in each other's pockets for a significant period). For some, it is their first long-term experience away from home. There are always cultural experiences as part of the tour to help the players grow as individuals and to get them to appreciate what they have and how fortunate they are. One of the highlights for the players last year on the 2017 tour to Mumbai was a trip around the Dharavi slum a very moving and powerful experience the players which they will never forget. The trips abroad and the skills gained are vital for the player's development as has been seen by the progress of the young talent to first class cricket.

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