

# Parents Feedback Gothia Cup July '22



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Gothia Cup 2022

**From:** Max von Hurter  
**Sent:** 30 July 2022 00:10  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Prep schools Lions 12 Blue

Hi Dan,

First and foremost, I wanted to thank you for organising such a terrific experience for the boys. A week that will truly live in the memory forever for them and us parents. I can't thank you enough.

Dash's team (Lions 12 Blue) had a really special time under coach Robbie Spencer. As you may have heard they didn't lose a game (4 wins and 2 draws) and over the week they really gelled as a team in a way frankly none of us expected. By the end they were really playing as a unit and supporting each other on and off the pitch. Furthermore the boys are all in regular contact and have multiple plans to see each other over the summer.

We'd really love the opportunity to go back next year together again. It was a very special week indeed.

Many thanks, Max

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**Sent:** 28 July 2022 18:16  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dan

I just wanted to touch base to say thank you. My son, developed acute anxiety during the 2021 lockdown. He lost his love of everything he had previously enjoyed - including football. His condition had a deleterious effect on the whole family. He did not want to attend the Gothia tournament; he was, frankly, dreading it. He attended because we insisted upon it.

It turned out, he says, to be the best thing he has ever done. It took him a couple of days to get into it, but by Friday, he would gladly have stayed a second week. He loved everything about it - the coaches, the football, the school, Liseberg, the music, the camaraderie, the ceremonies, the football finals - absolutely everything. He was very lucky to have an amazing coaching team. Norbert and Khaled were amazing - on and off the pitch. They set the tone for the week - and as a result, the boys and the parents had a wonderful time. They overcame a devastating start (Vilnius academy were "rather good" to say the least!) to become a team who played for each other and understood each other. I rather think that if the tournament had started mid way through the week, the results might have been even better than they turned out.

It is no exaggeration to say that his week at the Gothia Cup has set him on the road to rediscovering the boy he used to be - both in terms of football and generally. I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity, and for all that the experience has afforded him, physically, emotionally - in every way. I am so very grateful.

Best wishes

Rebecca

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**From:** Mark Kenderdine-Davies  
**Sent:** 29 July 2022 07:52  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dan

A short note to say thanks to everyone involved in the organisation and implementation of this year's Gothia Cup. It was immense. We had an excellent time in Gothenburg helped in no small part by my son's team reaching the last 16 under Brad's expert tutelage!

Please thank all involved, particularly Brad and Lee, the physio. They deserve a long rest after that.

Best, Mark Kenderdine-Davies

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**From:** Charles Avis  
**Sent:** 07 August 2022 10:41  
**To:** Dan Abraham

Hi Dan

We wanted to write to thank you for masterminding the opportunity for our son Alex to go to Gothia and play with the Prep School Pumas B13 Red team.

And especially, to convey our thanks in writing and give you feedback on the huge impact and influence the team's coaches - Danny and Linsey - had on Alex. As well as being massively approachable and communicative throughout, more meaningfully, we could see day by day how Alex was improving under their care. His confidence, accomplishment as a centre back, and his consistency were all raised to new levels by the two of them. They were both brilliant.

Please pass on our thanks once again to them both.

best wishes and good luck with the trials etc.

Charlie & Agota

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**From:** Carol Lazarus  
**Sent:** 03 August 2022 14:43  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan,

Thank you for your incredible organisation. It really was a wonderful week. Eddie had a fantastic time, and really grew as a player and as a person during the tournament. It was really great to see.

Given that the boys do not play together regularly, they did amazingly well, and seeing them develop as a team so quickly during the competition, with training from Raheem, who was absolutely wonderful and an inspiration to them all. What a great coach!

Thanks for enabling Eddie to have a truly wonderful experience.

With very best wishes,

Carol Lazarus  
mother of Edward Lazarus

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**From:** amy lewis  
**Sent:** 03 August 2022 13:24  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Thank you, Leo Bines U13 Lions yellow.

Dear Dan,

A huge thank you for Leo's experience at Gothia! I was lucky enough to go and the whole event was superb. James Cliff and Drew were a great team and did a fantastic job with the boys. We would love to do it again!

Thank you, I can only imagine how much organising goes into it! Hopefully some R and R for you now,

Best,  
Amy

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**From:** Louise dy  
**Sent:** 27 July 2022 20:49  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Hi Dan

I just wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed our week at the Gothia Tournament and just how much Conor enjoyed it too.

Conor loved the football but also the bonding with his team, the staff, and the whole independent experience which has made him grow on a personal level. Conor loved his time there and didn't want to leave, he enjoyed playing teams from all over the world. It was definitely more than just football which was amazing.

As a family, we went for the week and had a fantastic time. Luke was great at communicating what the boys were doing each day and sent us regular messages. It was amazing, we got to see Sweden and also watch football. Luke was great with the boys, he had high standards and the boys enjoyed meeting those standards. He was very professional, approachable and kind.

Unfortunately, Conor ended up in hospital one evening. Sabrina, the physio was amazing. She had been concerned about Conor's eye and had kept me in the loop about what she was doing, even going to the chemist to get him some eye drops. She called me to inform me she was going to take Conor to hospital as she wasn't happy with his eye. Sabrina made Conor feel very safe and she didn't panic. She communicated everything to me and asked lots of questions to the nurse who saw Conor. Sabrina monitored Conor throughout the week and went out of her way to ensure the boys were well looked after. I was very impressed. I thought all the staff were amazing and fantastically helpful but Sabrina was exceptional.

Thanks for your help and support with managing the tournament and helping us with the journey when our flights were cancelled. Such an amazing experience, I wouldn't wanted to have missed it.

Sabrina has since followed up about Conor this week which I think is testament to her professional approach and dedication. I believe she is a real asset.

We would love to understand the details for next year, we would love to be part of it again!

Louise

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**From:** M Bussenschutt  
**Sent:** 03 August 2022 18:37  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Hi Dan,

Thank you so much for organizing such a great event! Amazing atmosphere in Gothenburg and we really enjoyed watching all the football.

Alex had a great time and would love to go next year again.

Hope you have a lovely summer.

Kind regards, Monica

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**From:** Taryn Timperlake  
**Sent:** 27 July 2022 17:36  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Thank you

Dear Dan

Just a quick note to thank you and your whole team for the most fantastic week at the Gothia Cup. It was an experience we will all remember and for Sam a very special opportunity to play against footballers from other countries, make new friends and travel without family.

Special thanks must go to the U12 Orange coaches Jack and Matt who were superb - they instilled a great sense of team camaraderie so all the boys wanted to succeed together, were very encouraging and fun and maintained the perfect amount of discipline among the group.

I will be sure to recommend Prep Schools Lions widely and will send a report to Andy Parkinson, the Director of Football at Epsom College.

Wishing you a restful Summer and further future success at Gothia.

Best wishes, Taryn

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**From:** James Trusler  
**Sent:** 27 July 2022 09:53  
**To:** Dan Abraham; M.Everett; K.Wilson-Wild  
**Cc:** Karen  
**Subject:** Lions B12 Red - Gothia Cup - Thanks!

Morning

I wanted to write to all of you to share my thanks and provide feedback after our trip as a family and for Seb as a player (U12 Lions Reds).

Our experience was nothing short of sensational. Whilst obviously credit has to go to the tournament organisers, it is you guys who had the direct impact on our experience. From the trials, through to picking up Seb at Heathrow on Saturday night you have done an outstanding job. The chief beneficiary of that was Seb however as a family we all had a fantastic time and have without doubt made memories for life. The way you have set the whole program up, the way you communicate, your management & support of the

boys and importantly the development of them as footballers and young men (!) has been great. The integration of the parents as a part of this experience from all involved also added to the enjoyment and success of the trip for us.

I could write (an even) longer email of gratitude with endless points that were fantastic, however I'll do my best to keep it short(ish).

As an organisation and as the representative to parents and boys, Dan, I'd like to thank you in what were clearly very challenging conditions to deliver such an event, making it easy for the boys and for the parents when it would have been easy to give up. We also appreciate the extra lengths you went to when moving Seb from school to school to ensure he linked up with his team and made his flights.

Mr Everett – Thanks for putting Seb forward for the trials from the outset and also integrating it to the Dunottar sports program. It has created an experience, helped him grow as an individual as well as developed his football and life skills. All aligned with the 'warrior' characteristics.

Finally, and importantly to Kevin and Svend. I can not speak highly enough of how good both were with the boys, aside from the football, the care they showed, the focus they gave the boys, the way they made it so enjoyable & the way they treated them as much like adults and athletes as is possible for a group of 12 year old boys has not been lost on Seb or us and I think when we look back this trip will show itself to be pivotal in his growth!

From a football perspective, the coaching, the tactics, the on-field and off-field management, the encouragement and support which didn't falter for the week I believe was the best I have seen in a junior sports programme. Kevin was exceptional.

The U12 Lions Reds only lost one game, their first game! I have no doubt that if the team had the opportunity to travel as planned and train as planned, with Kevin before that first game, they would have won and gone unbeaten.

Sincerely and with huge thanks,

James Trusler

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**From:** Eloise Francis  
**Sent:** 26 July 2022 20:00  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Hi Dan

Thank you so much for organising. I know such a lot of hard work goes into it.

Molly (U12 Lions Girls) had a great time and made some great friends and they did incredibly well finishing 2nd in the U12 girls group. Special thank you goes to Katie and May too who made their stay away great fun.

We are now having a deja-vu moment watching England Lionesses play Sweden this evening!! I will be watching through my fingers as I did for most of the matches last week.

Thank you again, it was very much appreciated.

Eloise Francis & Molly

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**From:** Natasha Mitchell  
**Sent:** 26 July 2022 18:30  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Thank you!

Hello Dan,

Hope you are managing to put your feet up after what was an amazing week!! It definitely surpassed all our expectations; the atmosphere, organisation and sheer scale...I'd love to do it all again!!

Thanks to you and your team for all your efforts. The girls (G12 red) had the wonderful Katie and May looking after them. We couldn't have asked for better coaches! The team played brilliantly and we reckon were unofficial runners-up. All-in-all an incredible week!!!

Thanks so much for everything!!

Kindest regards,  
Natasha

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**From:** Kate Chalmers  
**Sent:** 26 July 2022 12:31  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dan

I just wanted to pass on our personal thanks to you for all of the hard work behind the scenes in making this happen this year. Despite the hurdles put in the way by BA in particular. In the end it was all fine!

But also we wanted to make particular reference to Max and Chris for their amazing work with the boys in the U12 Navy team. The team didn't have the best start with the flight issues and lack of time as a team but they worked wonders. They were fantastic coaches and both incredibly kind individuals and appreciated by both the boys and parents. We were lucky to have them.

Hope you now get to enjoy a proper break. But thanks again.

Regards

Kate and Matt Chalmers  
William U12 Navy

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**From:** Feena Brooks  
**Sent:** 26 July 2022 11:49  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Thanks Dan for all your hard work and excellent organisation. Billy had the most amazing experience and credit to Jacko and Matt for being such fun and supportive coaches.

Best wishes,  
Feena

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**From:** Fred Renton  
**Sent:** 26 July 2022 10:49  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Hi Dan

I wanted to write to say thank you from Ralphie and I for organising the Prep Schools Pumas trip to the Gothia Cup this year. Ralphie absolutely loved the matches and as a parent it was fantastic to watch.

Ralphie is already looking forward to next year!

Best

Fred

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**From:** Nicholas Reed  
**Sent:** 26 July 2022 07:14  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Benjy Reed 11 - Lions B12 Red

Morning Dan,

I hope that you are well and have caught up on sleep after the recent Gothia trip. I can not imagine how much extra admin must have been involved after last years covid cancellation & this years last minute flight cancellations needing to be rebooked. Thankyou for all in making the Prep School Lions trip happen this year for the boys & girls.

Benjy Reed made it after our email exchange (& I was extremely lucky to find a last minute BA flight to Gothenburg). Benjy had an incredible experience (both on & off the pitch) thanks to Kevin & Svend. They won all but their first game and improved hugely as a team during the week thanks to Kevin / Svend's guidance. On return Benjy said it was the best week of his life and is desperate to repeat next year (with the same team)!

I hope you have a super summer with your family and thanks again for everything in tricky circumstances.

Best wishes  
Nick Reed

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**From:** Rory Williams321  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 22:20  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Thank you !

Hi Dan,

I am sure you have been inundated with emails and deservedly so.

So much of yours and the wider teams time and effort went in to organising this years Gothia Cup after the challenges of the previous two years, and that has not gone unnoticed or appreciated.

Thank you for all the hard work. We went to Gothenburg with expectations based only on the feedback of those that have gone before us.

Having attended ourselves it is now easy to see why that feedback was so positive.

It really was a unique event that was a fantastic experience for Jake, and a thoroughly enjoyable week for the rest of the family. We all met new people and made new friends in such a friendly environment.



Gothenburg is a fantastic city we would probably not have otherwise visited, and the Swedes so friendly and welcoming.

Coaches Tom and Liam also deserve a special mention for the way they managed the boys on and off the field. They did a first class job!

Thank you very much for giving us some great memories we will all hold forever.

Hopefully you can now enjoy the rest of your summer!

Best,  
Rory & Vikki Williams  
(Jake Williams B13 Green)

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**From:** Clemmie Drewett  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 21:32  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan,

Thank you very much for your email, and for the brilliant video which we all enjoyed watching.

I was going to email you separately just to say what a fantastic week we all had out in Gothenburg supporting George, even with a toddler in tow, but most importantly, what a brilliant week George had. Our utmost thanks must go to Craig and Reece who were just amazing with our group of boys, and particularly for us with George. He was so anxious about being away from us for so long, and Craig took him under his care immediately from the airport. Craig was superb at bringing out the best in George on the pitch too, when it really mattered last week, and his three superb goals in their two Thursday matches made his week. We cannot express enough gratitude and praise for Craig, but also for Reece, who was just excellent with all the boys and made them laugh so much off the pitch, but treated them so professionally before, during and after matches. We were so impressed by them both, and cannot thank them enough for everything they did for George, and all the B11 Blue team all week. They are a real credit to the Lions set up.

We will of course be passing on our positive feedback to Caldicott, and I look forward to hearing from you about the plans for next year in due course. George would absolutely love to participate again, so I look forward to hearing from you about the trial dates/ selection process for next year.

We wish you and your family a lovely, and relaxing, summer now Gothia is done!

With very best wishes,  
Clemmie Drewett

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**From:** Cheryl Greenwood  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 20:17  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Thank you

Hi Dan,

Thank you so much for the effort and organisation that went into getting the boys to Gothia. A big effort in normal times but with a pandemic and a useless airline thrown in a gargantuan effort.

We would never have believed how amazing it was without seeing it with our own eyes. What an event!

Luke had the time of his life and wants to do it again (even though he's too old!!)  
Please could you thank everyone else who worked so hard to put this together on our behalf, our family is so, very grateful.

Have a lovely summer.

Best wishes,

The Greenwood family

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**Sent:** 29 July 2022 19:45  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan,

I have already sent a very short email to the School to thank them for nominating my son to attend the trials, and to tell them what a great success the trip was. I will report back to them in more detail at the start of the term.

At Christmas, he couldn't go to a football stadium because he found being in the stadium too daunting. He was afraid of heights; he wanted to give up competitive sport completely. The difference in him now is palpable. He loved being in the Ullevi, he went on a roller coaster, he's back to practising his free kicks in the garden and is looking forward to the start of the season. He is transformed.

When Khaled took the squad to Liseberg, he tried very hard to get him onto one of the roller coasters. It took all day, but towards the end of the afternoon he sent me a selfie of himself on the roller coaster, beaming, with just the words "I did it". (I've attached the screenshot so that you can see what I mean). I feel like that encapsulates the journey he has been on, thanks to the opportunity to attend the Gothia Cup. Sharif and I are so grateful to you, and to all the staff who made the trip possible.

With all good wishes,

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**From:** Harry Sandhu  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 18:45  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Hi Dan,

Hope you are well.

Just wanted to say a big thank you to you and your team, Josh Sandhu (B15 Whites) had an amazing time taking part in the Gothia Cup. We were also out there to support, and we are really pleased in the way in which the team and coaches gelled together as the tournament progressed.

Please do keep us posted for next year Josh would most certainly like to attend again. I would also like to get my younger son Seth (aged 12) and daughter Erin (aged 11) involved in the process as well.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many Thanks, Harry Sandhu

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**From:** Gary Jeffries  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 18:21  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Gothia 22

Hi Dan - wasn't it fantastic to be in Gothenburg again last week!

Many thanks, on Josh's behalf, for all your work in putting the trip together. Once again, he had a great experience - the coaches, James and Charlie (B13 Purple), were first class, and the team gelled very well. It was an excellent trip for us parents too. Like some of the teams, we travelled via Copenhagen and it was seamless. We stayed this time at the new Scandic Central hotel, which I would recommend - a similar standard to Gothia Towers, and convenient for the venues north of the city.

Thanks again for your efforts.

Kind regards,  
Gary

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**From:** Amanda sleet  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 17:40  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022 - Lions B13 Orange team

Dear Dan

Just a note of thanks from us for a fantastic opportunity to attend Gothia. James Sleet had a brilliant experience with Lions B13 Orange team, and coaches Conor and Ryan were excellent with the boys. Not an easy task when none of the boys really knew one another and the coaches hadn't really met the boys either. It wasn't an easy time for our boys, particularly the first two matches when they were only just finding their feet and playing against really strong opposition, but the experience was well worth it.

You had a tough year pulling this together with all the various travel challenges and you did brilliantly! Please do pass on our thanks to everyone involved.

With best wishes  
James (Lions B13 Orange team) and Amanda & Michael Sleet

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**From:** Matt Ryan  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 13:00  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Thanks for this Dan and a massive thank you to you and all the organisers for an absolutely amazing week.

Our son Jack Ryan played in the U11 white team and his coach Terry Cox and physio Emily Spry were really brilliant with the boys, achieving that great balance of being fun but also completely respected by the boys. They were excellent at communicating with the parents and felt for this age group they achieved a good balance of the boys being together as a team and also time with the parents. I could go on, but I think it's suffice to say they were both completely faultless both on and off the pitch!! We (both us and Jack!) would love to join you again for U12's.

Thank you again

Matt & Michelle Ryan

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**From:** Angus Macdonald  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 12:56  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** RE: Gothia Cup 2022 - Ollie

Hi Dan

Thanks so much for the fantastic video and for all your incredible organisational skills for this year's PSL Gothia Cup – we all had an awesome time!

Ollie loved his time with the B13 Red squad – Richard & George did a first class job with the lads – they played some really great football in all their matches whether they won or lost.

They were so unlucky to lose 3-2 in their Cup knockout – could have gone either way.

Everything ran like clockwork as always – and all the families loved their time together in Gothenburg – including Ollie's older brother Charlie who was there as a spectator for the first time having played in two Gothia's!

Thanks again for such a memorable experience for all the kids & their families – we'll never forget Gothia with the Prep School Lions. I'm sure you're now ready for a very well-deserved Summer break! Enjoy Dan...

Best wishes  
Angus, Clare, Charlie & Ollie

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**From:** sarah lancaster  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 12:07  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan,

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to you for all that you have done and all your hard work over the last few years! It was a brilliant trip, the training camps were amazing and it was all well worth the two year wait! Chris had such a good experience and has made some great new friends too.

I hope you can now have a well deserved break!!

Thank you so much again, Chris, Ken and Sarah

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**From:** Julian Hughes  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 12:29  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Thank You From James Hughes and Family

Dear Dan

I wanted to say a huge huge thank you from James Hughes and The Hughes Family for the Gothia Cup 2022, what a fantastic event and experience for James and the family.

James had a great time, played some great football against some great sides, making lots of new friends with his team mates, they have already been chatting and playing FIFA on line etc., since they got back which is so lovely to see. We as family enjoyed our trip immensely watching the football and experiencing Gothenburg, such a lovely city. James had such a lovely group of boys and the parents all got on extremely well, partaking in a few drinks along the way.

A Big Big Thank You to Robbie Spencer James's coach and Jack the physio. Robbie was fantastic with the boys not only from a football point, James learn some great football, life lessons and life skills that will stay

with him. We have said thank you to Robbie and Jack, but I wanted you to know Robbie and Jack were exceptional and could not have done anymore for the boys a real credit.

Kind Regards

Julian Hughes

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**From:** sarah breeze  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 12:27  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dan,

Thank you for sending that video - amazing!

Thank you so much for organising such a truly wonderful trip to the Gothia Cup. Max had been looking forward to Sweden for months and months. He loved every minute of the trip and came home saying it was the 'best week of his life'. It doesn't get better than that!

Both Ben and Andy were absolutely brilliant from start to finish. They kept us up to date with all parts of the team flight and arrival, training sessions, information etc - which was really great. Both Ben and Andy gave the boys brilliant coaching the first weekend, so much support and encouragement. The part that stood out for us was the pastoral care they gave the boys... this was so great and I think made the week so special.

Max really enjoyed going to Heden and watching the older boys matches there... something to aspire to! We all loved the opening ceremony and that was definitely one for the memory books.

The boys in their team all really bonded and I'm sure they will all keep in touch. It was lovely to watch their friendships grow over the course of the week.

Thank you for giving Max this opportunity. A complete success!

Have a lovely summer.

Sarah Breeze

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**From:** Alex Scott  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 11:55  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** RE: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan,

Thankyou for all your efforts, too often the behind the scenes logistics and organisation get overlooked but the execution of the event for the Prep School Lions was simply fantastic, expertly communicated and wonderfully fun.

I would also like to mention Lee and Zara, who were carers, tour guides and football coach/physio for the U11 Girls team. Their delivery, effort, care and diligence was hugely impressive and they are a credit to the Lions organisation.

Please enjoy a well earned summer break, which you thoroughly deserve.

Kind regards

Alex Scott  
Father- G11 Emily Scott

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**From:** Guy Hume  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 11:06  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan, a quick note of appreciation for all you have contributed to making this tournament such a massive success for so many talented young players.

Our Saskia absolutely LOVED every moment and developed incredibly over the course of the week. Her team, brilliantly coached by Lee and Zara, went through undefeated even after having to face the mighty Hammerby twice!

Thanks again and look forward to Saskia earning a shirt next year!!

Best, Guy

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**From:** Jones, Wesley  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 10:53  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Gothia Feedback

Hello Dan,

Got back early this morning after following my lad (Harry Jones Lions B13 Purple) around Sweden. Just wanted to drop you a quick line to say wow – what an experience (and that was just for me)!

Harry had a fantastic time. The two coaches (James and Charlie) were absolutely brilliant and I know the parents appreciated their hard work during the week.

In my view they really did make the holiday and dealt with everything thrown at them in a calm and professional manner. They inspired the team to play some fantastic football.

Again – what a week. Thanks.  
Wes Jones

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**From:** Marianthe Goodwin  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 10:20  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Cc:** Duncan Goodwin  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan,

Many thanks to you and all the coaches, physios, pastoral leaders - amazing week!! We can only begin to imagine the organisation involved!

Best wishes and hopefully a well earned rest!

Marianthe and Duncan

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**From:** Katie Holmes  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 10:13  
**To:** Dan Abraham; Dom Holmes  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan

Dom and I wanted to write to thank you hugely for a wonderful week in Sweden. Our boy, William, told us on his return that it was the best week of his life.

We think a huge part of this was due to Terry Cox & Emily Spry. They were absolutely brilliant providing the right balance of fun combined with the focus required for the football. Their energy and passion was infectious and has shown William what it is like to be part of a 'proper' team working towards a shared outcome. We watched his confidence within the group increase over the week which translated to his football & was a pleasure to see.

Thank you for all of your efforts - a real achievement to get so many children there and back!

I hope you have a restful summer.

Best wishes  
Katie & Dom Holmes.

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**From:** Sarah Jeffs  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 09:51  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** RE: Gothia Cup 2022

Good morning Dan

I wanted to send an email to thank you for giving Edward the opportunity and experience. He is still on cloud 9 and has not stopped playing football since he got back – sharpening up where his coach Matt advised him to. It was a real pleasure to watch the boys play and they did an amazing job given the fact they had only trained together for 5 days in Kent – Ed met some lovely boys and he adored Matt and Abby. The communication from Matt was first class as was his coaching skills to the boys – he is an absolute credit to you. The whole trip was so well organised and it was a real treat to attend so thank you.

Once again many thanks – now you can go and relax!

Have a wonderful Summer.

**Sarah Jeffs**

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**From:** Samantha Butterfield  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 09:40  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Good morning Dan,

We honestly cannot thank you, the team behind the scenes, and our son's coaches enough!  
It really was an opportunity of a lifetime, with the most wonderful memories that will not be forgotten by ourselves or the children.

Zach and his B13 Blue team felt like they'd been together for ages, and the coaches - Sam Clements and Chris - must really be commended for all their hard work, support of the boys and for creating such a fun, safe and wonderful team-bonding experience. We have thanked them personally, and we gave them a small gift - a photo of the team for them to remember the fun - but we do feel it important to mention to you,

how exceptional they really were, especially since neither had been before, we believe. They really were very good role models to the boys.

The whole week was surreal, and most importantly, such an amazing opportunity for the children who have had so many opportunities taken away from them over the last couple of years due to COVID.

Thank you so much again, we were blown away by the whole experience, as was our son and his B13 Blue team. This would simply not have been possible without the relentless hard work and tremendous effort made by yourself and the coaches.

Many thanks again! When can we go again?!

Best,  
Sam and Richard Butterfield

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**From:** Ryan and Bella  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 09:23  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Willoughby Geere

Dear Dan,

I hope you had a relaxing couple of days over the weekend in Gothenburg & a smooth journey home.

Willoughby thoroughly enjoyed the amazing experience at the Gothia Cup. Thank you so much to you & all the team organising the trip. Ben & Charlie looked after the boys so well & Willoughby had such a lovely team of boys.

Many thanks for your help & I hope you have a wonderful holiday.

Kind regards,  
Belinda Geere

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**From:** Jon Eilbeck  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 08:49  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Well done to you Dan for pulling off a minor miracle given all the travel disruption. Really well organised and hopefully you can breathe now and reflect on a job well done!

Cheers

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**From:** StephM  
**Sent:** 25 July 2022 08:34  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** RE: Gothia Cup 2022

Hi Dan thanks for that. I have got to say Terry and Emily were amazing with the boys both on and off the pitch and went above and beyond what was expected. Jack Morrison came back with great stories and memories.

Kind regards,  
Steph Skinner

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**From:** Nick  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 21:39  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dan

Probably adding to the chorus of well done's but would like to add my congratulations and thanks to you personally for all the hard work I know it takes to get these things done. Sorry I didn't see you personally to show my appreciation with a beer.

But a big big thanks for everything.

Tom and Liam were superb and worked hard with and for the boys. Please ensure they get their positive feedback from the parents as I know we really appreciated their efforts. We wish both all the very best with their futures.

Kind regards Nick (William Wren)

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**From:** Lottie Clarke  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 21:16  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Cc:** James Clarke  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dan,

Just wanted to say a huge thank you on behalf of Ollie for such a wonderful week.

A child who is happy to travel but always looks forward to home, tonight he told me he would've easily stayed (a huge compliment considering they were also on blow up mattresses!)

He has raved about Sam and Chris his coaches and the other boys he has made friends with. Memories for life.

A huge logistical operation in these times to organise something on this scale so again many thanks.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Lottie Clarke

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**From:** Brad Snyder  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 21:13  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Cc:** Betsy Snyder  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Many thanks Dan. Great video! We sincerely appreciate all of your efforts in making this happen especially after the last 2 cancellations and all the travel disruption this year.

It was totally worth it as Amelia had an absolutely amazing time on and off the pitch and made some great new friends. Her coaches Dave and Jess were fantastic. I really enjoyed it as well.

Thanks a lot.

Best regards,  
Brad and Betsy Snyder

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**From:** Angus Hume  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 20:59  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dan,

Thanks for organising such a fantastic week, Archie and Freddie had a great time and what a unique event.

Jacko, Matt (U12 Orange) and Oscar (U14 Yellow) were great coaches and incredibly good with the boys. A real credit to the organisation.

Have a great rest of the summer and well done.  
Angus

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**From:** Zoe Fannon  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 20:25  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Hi Dan

Just wanted to say a huge thank you to you all. Oliver had an awesome week with the B12 Blues - Robbie and Jack were absolutely outstanding and gave the boys some amazing life-long memories to take away. B12 Blues played a fantastic undefeated week and Oliver enjoyed the week immensely. I think he's made some life-long friends and enjoyed playing alongside some fantastic teammates.

Thank you for allowing him this opportunity.

I hope you and all the coaches are having well deserved rests this week.

Best wishes

Zoe Fannon

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**From:** Jacqueline Dinnage  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 18:32  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Hi Dan,

It was an amazing week for all involved and an experience of a lifetime for all of the children! Thank you so much for inviting Harrison on this wonderful journey. All the boys in Lions Whites were just awesome and Miled and Elliott both stars. They went above and beyond to make the boys have the most wonderful time. I do hope we can repeat the experience again next year to develop the skills and teamwork these boys have tapped into! 🙏

All the best,  
Jacqueline

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**From:** Tarmina Saville  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 18:09  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Cc:** Guy Saville  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan

Thanks so much for the video.

Just a quick email to say thank you to you and all the team for an amazing event. Joe loved the whole experience and has made fantastic friendships with his teammates and is still bubbling with excitement about it all.

Joes coach and physio were amazing with the boys, not only teaching them a great deal on the pitch, but also looking after them so well and keeping us parents in the loop with great comms.

Some fantastic memories created and a great experience. Thanks so much and have a great summer.

Kind regards

Tawny

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**From:** Ben Osborn  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 17:34  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan

A big thanks to you and your team for the huge amount of work that went into last week in Gothenburg and all that led up to it.

Our son Jack in Puma Red B11 had a fantastic time, making new friends from the U.K. through his team and meeting other young footballers from across the globe. We knew it would be a special experience from what we had heard, but it surpassed all expectations for Jack and our family alike who were spectating.

In particular we'd like to thank James and Anya who were so good with the boys and made the whole week such fun for them.

We will certainly be feeding back to Pennthorpe School how good the tournament was and would recommend to other families.

All the best, Ben and Nicola Osborn

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**From:** kele wogu  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 17:05  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Hi Dan

Gothia was a very lovely & wonderful experience for our boys, memories that will last for a very long time I'm sure. Thank you & to all the organisers & coaches that supported them.  
Kele

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**From:** Steve George  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 16:59  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Thankyou Dan, we managed to get Laurence there with the passport just in time. He had an incredible week. Thankyou for your hard work and support.

Steve.

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**From:** Charlotte Oliver  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 15:49  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Many thanks Dan

It's been the highlight of our year so far!! Will take a lot to better it!  
Have a lovely summer.

Best wishes  
Charlotte Oliver

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**From:** Steele348  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 15:40  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re:Gothia Cup 2022

Hi Dan

Thanks for sending through the video!

Just wanted to say how amazing the organisation was of the Prep School Lions trip.

My son (Jake) was in B12 Sky and his coaches Norbert and Khaled were first class - really good with the boys all week and very informative to us parents.

I know they helped make the trip so special for the boys.

Thanks again and look forward to hearing about whether there is the opportunity for Jake to go again next year.

Regards

Toby Steele

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**From:** Katie Overton-Hart  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 15:22  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** RE: Gothia Cup 2022

Dan

A MILLION THANK YOU'S to you and everyone else who worked so hard to make this happen. George had THE BEST time of his life. It's been such an incredible opportunity. Josh and Holly have both been amazing and quite frankly, I'm not sure how we can come close to the excitement for the rest of the summer holidays.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Katie xx

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**From:** David Bradly  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 14:02  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** RE: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan,

Thank you very much for all the incredible hard work which must go into arranging the tournament for us all every year – and for all of the additional work required to get the boys to Gothenburg in the face of the BA cancellations.

With very best wishes,

David

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**From:** Hayday, Nick  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 13:36  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan,

Thank you ever so much.

Barney had an amazing time!

My wife, Katie and my daughter, Chloe and me really enjoyed ourselves. We stayed in the Avalon hotel, which was great.

We thought the trip was so well organised. A bit thank you to his coach Josh and physio Holly.

Barney is putting together a video for his year 7 project. I will send across once done (if it's any good!).

Subject to selection, we would all be keen to go again next year.

All the best,

Nick Hayday

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**From:** Lavington Stud  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 13:19  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Gothia Cup 2022 - Prep School Lions B11 White

Hi Dan

I wanted to write to say how incredibly grateful we are to you for firstly selecting Monty onto the team originally and then giving him (and us!) the best week of his life. He loved every single minute of last week and has already said he's longing to go again! The organisation that must have taken place for this tournament is second to none, you must feel incredibly proud of yourself.

Terry Cox and Emily Spry, Monty's coach and physio, were outstanding. Their encouragement, care, support and sense of fun throughout the week was unbeatable.

Thank you so very much for everything that you have done, we so appreciate it immensely and hope that you have a wonderful rest of the summer.

I so hope that we see you again for Gothia 2023.

With best wishes

Sissy x

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**From:** Emma Lee  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 13:17  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Great video!

A huge thank you from the Lee family! Archie had an incredible time at the Gothia Cup, what an unbelievable experience for all the boys (and the parents!) As well as some great football, he enjoyed meeting new friends, learning how to be more independent and exploring a new City. He has made so many amazing memories and I'm sure it is a trip that he will never forget. The coaches Craig and Reece were absolutely brilliant with the boys and we'd like to say a huge thank you to both of them and to you for organising such an incredible trip for them and making us feel like they were in such safe hands all the time. We were all very proud to be part of the Lions! Bring on the next one!

Along with another parent I will be writing a report for Amesbury school.

Enjoy your rest! Emma Lee

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**From:** Paul Murrock  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 12:50  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Hi Dan,

Thank you for your email. Elijah had an amazing time and would like to again next season!

Have a great summer!

Many Thanks

Paul

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**From:** Fidelma  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 12:39  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Thank You!

Dear Dan,

What can we say ..... Gothia 2022 was amazing!

Our son, Finnley (Under 14s Lions - Yellow), had one of the most memorable experiences of his life. To say he loved every minute of the tournament and the trip would be an understatement. From the moment we dropped him off at the airport to the time he arrived back home every bit of feedback he has given us and what we saw ourselves has been nothing but positive.

We would like to highlight how delighted we are with the way Finn was cared for by Oscar and Hinesh. We could not have hoped for a better coach and physio. Both Oscar and Hinesh made a huge impression on Finn and he was very sorry to have to say goodbye to them both. Not only were they supportive, encouraging and engaging for the boys in their care but as parents we found them to be welcoming, informative and knowledgeable. They are both a great asset to your Prep Schools Staff Team.

Finn has expressed a very strong interest in playing again next year (when he will be in the under 15s age bracket) and I wondered what the possibility for this is at this stage.

We cannot imagine how much work has been put in by yourself personally to make Gothia such a success for all of the children that took part and we send you a very heartfelt thank you for everything.

With very best wishes,  
Fidelma and Sean Pankhurst and, of course, Finn.

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**From:** alex hales  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 12:24  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dan

Many thanks for such an amazingly well organised tournament.

George had such a great time; made some great friends and memories he will never forget. Matt Everett was superb coach, so good with the boys.

Hopefully, we will be back next year and can do it all again!!

Best wishes.  
Sally

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**From:** Anna Worthington  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 12:05  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan

The video is fantastic, and Jack (B12 Purple) has had the most fabulous week. Everything about it was utterly amazing and it has been the most brilliant experience for him.

Thank you so much for what can only be an absolute mountain of admin and organisation.

We are so so grateful  
Anna

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Miriam Machell  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 12:03  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan

What an amazing event and an incredible experience for the boys. We had so much fun and the boys made some great new friends. They came together like a strong team in the end and we saw some really good football all round.

A special thank you to Jack and G - they were amazing and the boys loved them! The boys gave them a signed T-shirt the last day with their names on. Photo attached.

Miriam Machell

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**From:** Perwaiz Latif  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 11:58  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Cc:** Nazia Riaz  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Hi Dan

It was a fantastic week, A great experience for Deen. A great group of lads he had an amazing time here with his group they all worked well together. They did really well to get to the knockout stages. Special mention about Brad their coach he worked well with the team and brought out the best in each player.

Look forward to next year again.

Kind Regards

Perwaiz & Deen

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**From:** Victoria Kilburn  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 11:56  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022, Seb

Hi Dan

Just to say Seb K very much enjoyed all of it and we were impressed with Adam and Kieran-it was a nice idea of theirs to do a parent/team dinner on the last night and Adam kept us regularly updated on the WhatsApp group.

Thanks  
Vicky

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**From:** Hanna Stoneham  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 11:43  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Hi Dan

I am sorry we didn't get to see you in Gothenburg.

Well what a fantastic week, totally exceeded my expectations for many reasons.

The coaches Ben and Andy were all fantastic, supportive on and off the field. The kids were equally as brilliant, what a great bunch! They will have memories for life.

The quality of football we saw was thrilling and nail biting at the same time! Stan enjoyed his position in goal and felt a valid part of the team, led by a great captain who was consistent in his play and leadership. Thank you to the whole team that make it possible.  
I hope you all have an amazing summer.

Thanks again.

The Stoneham's

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**From:** Isabel george  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 11:34  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan,

A huge belated 'thank you' from us for all your hard work, organisation & determination (the flights!) for Gothia. Alex had a wonderful time and it seems their team really bonded well, played some great football and had a very positive tournament. What an amazing thing to be part of, a wonderful experience. All this doesn't happen by chance, it's incredibly hard work and lots of detail I'm sure. A sincere thank you from Alex & the George family, we feel very fortunate that he's had this opportunity this year. I hope the cost of flights will be refunded to you soon if it hasn't already.

With kind regards

Isabel, Alex & family.

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**From:** Zuraida Curtis  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 11:13  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Thank you.

Dear Dan

I hope that you are now having a well deserved rest after the Gothia Cup.

We wanted to say huge thank you for once again organising a very successful and memorable trip for Xavier. Your stress levels with the flight cancellations must have been through the roof but as always, you maintained a calm and professional demeanour and a huge well done for all your efforts in ensuring that the trip did happen.

We were also extremely lucky again to have the superb coaching team of Tim and Ebony. The coaching and pastoral care that they gave to the boys was outstanding. A huge thank you to both of them for making Xavier's trip even more memorable and for taking such great care of the boys.

We wish you well for future Gothia trips and hope that you have a lovely summer break.

Kind Regards  
Zuraida and Darren Curtis  
(parents of Xavier Curtis - Pumas B14)

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jane Gibson  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 11:10  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Thank you

What an amazing week my son Archie had in U11 lions Grey.  
Thank you so much for all your hard work, time and commitment to this event - he had the best week of his life, has made some great friends, got some great coaching from Mark, loved the matches and gained some great life skills being so independent.  
We thoroughly enjoyed our time out their watching - what an incredible event it is!

I hope you can manage a well deserved rest now?

Many thanks from the whole Gibson family.

Best wishes  
Jane

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**From:** Chris Demetriou  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 11:05  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Hi Dan

You've probably had 1000's of messages but from myself I would like to thank you and your team for arranging a phenomenal once in a lifetime trip. A special mention has to go to Danny and Lyndsey who were exceptional with the boys and parents and made the whole trip. If the opportunity comes around again we would be extremely interested. I'm sure you've earned a well deserved break before all the preparation starts again.

Kind regards

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**From:** Linda Alexander  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 10:58  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Thanks Dan,

It was a brilliant week!  
The girls had so much fun!!

Thanks  
Linda

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**From:** Marcus Claridge  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 10:57  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dan

How lovely, what an event, my daughter cant wait to go back next year I hope! My lad is shattered from it all but Max his coach was so good as well. Have to say the coaches have been amazing, well done all  
Kind regards,  
Marcus Claridge

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**From:** emma poole  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 10:55  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan,  
Thank you. Otto had an amazing week, not so happy with his team's performance but loved the experience none the less!

We showed our appreciation to his coaches last night and thank you all for a wonderful experience.

Best wishes,  
Emma

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**From:** Simon Foster Photography  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 10:44  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Thank you Dan for the lovely video compilation. It's hard to believe it's all over now.

Thank you for all the time and effort you and the team have put into getting all the children out here. You've had so many hurdles to jump through! It's been an incredible experience for the children and the memories they have will, I'm sure, last a lifetime.

I know that Matthew has thoroughly enjoyed himself and he's learnt so much in terms of the development of his football skills too. Simon and I feel privileged to have been a part of it all.

Enjoy your summer break. Our very best wishes

Louise, Simon & Matthew Foster

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**From:** Helen Jewell  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 10:37  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Thank you Dan! Amelie had a wonderful time and Katie and May were great coaches.

Appreciate all your hard work putting this together, hope you have a well deserved restful summer.

Helen

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**From:** Paul Marks  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 10:24  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Hi Dan ,

It was a great experience .

I would like to put in a request early if possible to keep the same team and coaches for next year ?

They did a fantastic job ...

Paul

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**From:** Matthew O'Neill  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 10:20  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan,

We cannot thank you enough for the wonderful experience Ella & Holly had.

Kind regards;

Matt

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**From:** Sarah Davey  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 10:20  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Thank you for your organisation.

Jack had an amazing trip and is still fast asleep in bed this morning!!!!

Fingers crossed we can participate again next year - what an opportunity you have been able to provide our children.

Many thanks,  
Sarah Davey.

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**From:** Richard Stearn  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 10:18  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Thank you for organising such a fantastic experience for the boys amidst such logistical challenges of this and the last few years. For us it was 4th time lucky and it did not disappoint.  
Richard Stearn (for Ben)

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**From:** Alan Meechan  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 10:04  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Ava Meechan - A massive thank you

Morning Dan,  
Ava's just woken up after a 13 hour sleep and I still don't think she can quite get her head around what she's done in the past week.

I wanted to drop you a note to say thank you to everyone involved in making the Gothia trip the best experience she's ever had.

A huge thank you to Abby and Amanda in particular for taking such good care of her, we couldn't have felt more comfortable with Ava being away on her own hearing about how well they were being looked after and how much fun they had from the first to the last minute.

On the pitch she had a blast and managed to score a few goals, off the pitch she's made a new friendship group and had the experience of a lifetime.

If you remember, Ava was a late replacement due to players becoming unavailable. She doesn't attend an independent school and was put forward by Matt James (Laurel's dad) as she plays for Tilehurst Panthers with Laurel and Avy. Please could you bear us in mind, we would 100% attend any future event.

You've no idea what this has meant to us, seeing our daughter so happy and experiencing something as amazing as the Gothia Cup is more than most parents could dream. We're hugely grateful for the opportunity, she's got memories that will last a lifetime.

Kind regards,  
Alan

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**From:** Alexandra Sage  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 09:58  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** RE: Gothia Cup 2022

Dear Dan,

Many thanks for this.

We only flew home late last night, hence the late feedback, but just wanted to say it was an incredible week and such a learning experience for both Adam and Henry (Sage). Henry had an absolute blast, really gelled with all his team, and it was just such a shame it had to end just as they'd started to win some matches and come together as a proper team. I cannot praise their coach, Spencer Oglivie, highly enough. He was incredible from start to finish, such an amazing coach and so kind and supportive of the boys. His assistant, Harry Hannigan, was amazing too, and to be honest, Henry was sad when it ended. Considering he came

home a day early from Tonbridge, but stayed all five nights at the school in Gothenburg is saying something! Adam also really enjoyed the matches, and found it a really special experience.

I think one of our Surbiton group will be reporting back to the school with the rest of us parents' feedback.

Meantime, a HUGE HUGE thank you to you, the staff and all the coaches for your all efforts in bringing this together. It was certainly worth the wait!!

All my best,

Alexandra Sage

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**From:** Chris McLain

**Sent:** 24 July 2022 09:35

**To:** Dan Abraham

**Subject:** Re: Gothia Cup 2022

Good morning Dan,

Thank you for the montage, I want to thank you and everyone involved, it was such a great experience for us and Harry.

I particularly want to mention our two team coaches Chris and Matt, the way they worked with our team of boys and the way they interacted with us as parents was outstanding, they really made the whole experience. The boys really bonded and so did the parents

It would be great if Harry could come back and if they could all play together again as a Team, boys and coaches.

Hopefully, we will see you and the coaches again soon.

Best Regards

Chris McLain

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**From:** Kate Brewster

**Sent:** 24 July 2022 09:33

**To:** Dan Abraham

**Subject:** RE: Gothia Cup 2022/William Brewster B12 Blues

Thanks Dan.

Just to say William had an absolute blast!! A truly memorable experience for him and us.

B12 Blues were undefeated, despite some very biased refs!

Our team connected brilliantly and if we had the opportunity again to stay with the team and play again next year we would! We have made life long friends both players and parents.

I hope you are now able to rest and well done for your amazing coordination despite all aggravation of flight cancellations you still managed to pull everything off. My older son's school team's flight was cancelled and the school cancelled everything, which was awful for him. So impressed that Lions managed to get their kids there despite all the chaos. Will send an email to our school Aldro.

See you again soon and hope you now manage to have a very relaxing Summer.

Regards

Kate

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**From:** L Hubbard  
**Sent:** 24 July 2022 07:56  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Re: Lions Girls13 White Gothia Cup information

Hi Dan,

I just wanted to say thank you on behalf of myself and Isabelle for all of your hard work on the preparation for Gothia. Isabelle had a wonderful time and really enjoyed being part of a great team.

Dave and Jess did a fantastic job of coaching each of the children and pulling them together as a team, their play visibly improving for each match. They also took great care of the team away from the pitch and kept them happy. A big thank you to them too for giving up their time and putting in so much.

Once again, many thanks for everything you do to make Gothia happen for our children.

Best regards, Lisa

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**From:** Sara Cook  
**Sent:** 23 July 2022 22:30  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** A huge thank you

Evening Dan

An absolutely huge thank you for the past week. Have a very happy 13yo back home. To say he loved it is an understatement.

The organisation has been incredible from you and your team. Oscar and Hinesh (apologies if I have spelt incorrectly) were fantastic from what the boys have said and parents who were there have said. Not sure I would have been able to put up with 15 x13/14 year olds! They must have huge amounts of patience and tolerance.

An absolutely huge thank you. And third time lucky to make it there! Memories for the rest of their lives.

If anyone has any team pics please do share.

Best wishes

Sara (Oli Cook's mum)

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**From:** Emma Duke  
**Sent:** 23 July 2022 13:44  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Cc:** Ibbby Gothia coach; Matt Gothia Coach  
**Subject:** Thank you - U15 prep lions whites

Hi Dan

We can't thank you enough for the amazing experience you have given to our children. The coaches were simply fantastic. They were first class in providing the best support and coaching expertise. They invested everything into our team and honestly there are not enough words to congratulate them on their professionalism and emotional support. They really were the dream team.

To get as far as we did was fantastic and a big congratulations to our team, Chris, Matt and to yourself for making this dream possible.

It would be amazing to keep the team together and get through to the final stages next year with Chris and Matt if at all possible, as they bonded so well. I know I speak for many parents.

Have a great summer and we hope you you'll consider Alfred Duke for next year.

Kind regards

Tim and Emma Duke  
U15 prep lions whites

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**From:** amy burton  
**Sent:** 23 July 2022 06:30  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Gothia 2023

Dear Dan

Thank you for organising Gothia 2022. Piers has had the time of his life with his teammates, friends for life! Coach Raheem and Physio Andrew were outstanding with the boys.

The boys and parents all wish we can go next year to Gothia 2023 as a team, would this be possible? Piers has missed out on 2 years because of Covid and it would mean so much to them all to go next year.

Best wishes  
Amy

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** James Bell  
**Sent:** 22 July 2022 18:56  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Thank you

Dear Dan,

On behalf of the whole Bell clan, but particularly Angus Bell thank you for an amazing experience. We loved every minute and despite an injury to Angus in the penultimate game, we have such great memories.

Blue 13 were a fantastic unit & our coaches Sam & Chris were a credit to you and the Prep School Lions.

Angus learnt so much, but particularly about friendship, teamwork and resilience.

B13 Blue were unlucky not to go further, but he is desperate to comeback (if selected) next year.

Please pass on my thanks & praise to Sam & Chris, please also thank the caring & professional physio (sorry, can't remember her name !) for looking after Angus when he got injured.

Well done - it's not been an easy couple of years, but it really was a wonderful experience and well worth the wait, we hope to be back next year.

Great fun and thank you again

James, Sue, Sophie and Angus Bell

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**From:** Rania Selby  
**Sent:** 22 July 2022 17:39  
**To:** Dan Abraham; Andrew Selby  
**Subject:** Thank you

Hi Dan. I just wanted to say thank you for a truly memorable experience - not only for Rafael but also for us as parents. The Gothia week really is something special and we appreciate all the hard work that goes into making this week work. Rafael has pushed himself well outside of his comfort zone in terms of living and travelling independently from us and has really loved playing the sport he is so passionate about. He's also made new friends who have all promised to keep in touch with each other. Meeting kids from other nations is something all children can benefit from and it was wonderful to witness such a lovely spirit between nations.

I especially want to mention Coach James who struck an excellent balance between giving the boys nurturing support and independence - as well as keeping them in line when needed! Anya was also great with the boys. Calm and professional at all times.

There were so many wonderful memories we will take with us. It's a week we will never forget. Thank you again.

Regards  
Rania

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**From:** Rosie Ainsworth  
**Sent:** 21 July 2022 21:46  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Feedback

Hi Dan

I hope you are enjoying your week.

I arrived back today, Charlie is still there with his dad but while I remember, I wanted to give you some feedback.

The boys had a great fun, and without injuries would definitely have gone further. Making the last 32 out of 152 is amazing.

You made the whole pre-season arrangements so easy, it seemed seamless, but I'm sure it wasn't. Sam and Chris have been FANTASTIC. The boys love them, but also respect them. Their communication has been excellent and they have been so positive and encouraging, they boys could not have asked for better, and as a parent, I'm so pleased that they were looking after them.

Thank you for all your hard work. I hope we can get them there again as I think we have unfinished business.

All the best,

Rosie  
U13 Prep School Lions

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**From:** Philip Murphy  
**Sent:** 21 July 2022 13:20  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Gothia - Elliot Murphy

Hi Dan

I wanted to drop you an email to say thanks for everything- despite getting knocked out today Elliot has had a fantastic time. Special thanks to Tom and Rowan for looking after the boys and making it so much fun.

Thank you

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**From:** Lucinda McCord  
**Sent:** 21 July 2022 09:18  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Lions B11 White

Dear Dan

I just wanted to drop you an email to say what a fantastic experience Henry is having. Terry and Emily are amazing and we couldn't have asked for a better coach and support team for the boys.

Henry is having the time of his life and he is enjoying every minute! Henry has told us that Terry is the best coach he has had. He is fun, but firm and has total respect from the boys. I really feel that Henry is blossoming on and off the field. They have had a lot of fun and I am thrilled he will have these wonderful memories of his time in Gothenburg to look back on.

Please pass our thanks on to the whole team. We are gutted to be leaving today, but I know that Henry will love the final days of the tournament and will continue to progress.

I just hope he doesn't get to bring the loudspeaker home with him!

Good luck Lions!

Best wishes and thanks

Lucie and Johnny McCord

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**From:** Jemima Jabb  
**Sent:** 20 July 2022 22:06  
**To:** Dan Abraham  
**Subject:** Samba Jabb -

Hi Dan,

What a wonderful Gothia experience we've been lucky enough to be part of again. Thanks for all your hard work in getting everyone here – it's been fantastic & the boys have loved it.

Many thanks & enjoy the end of the week

Jemima

