



Dear Parent/Guardian

## EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO LONDON

As part of their studies at GCSE, students study not only migration to the UK over time. We are proposing a trip in which they will gain an invaluable first hand insight into migration to the UK over time in particular looking at the London Docklands and the number of migrants that came via the London docks, getting to know the East End of London and where the migrants settled, bringing to life the unit of work they study about the Identity and Diversity in the UK.

In addition students will also gain an understanding of the law and politics in the UK and compare this with countries around the world. Developing their understanding of legal London and the well documented buildings that deal with and house courts of law, which will be further supported by a visit and workshop in the Royal Courts of Justice. Students will engage with a "Courts in session" workshop that will support them with their understanding of the workings of the criminal justice system and the opportunity to be lawyers and the jury for the session. A visit to the Bank of England museum will enable students to understand the finance and economy module with a talk about "keeping on an even keel" and how the government manage the income and spending in the country. The final day students will be visiting Parliament to find out what really goes on inside the famous Westminster Palace with a guided tour and workshop.

Finally the trip offers students the chance to experience some of the many cultural opportunities that London has to offer with a visit to Ripley's Believe It or Not! As well as a visit to the Cambridge Theatre to see Roald Dahls Matilda. An opportunity not to be missed!

The price of this educational visit will be approximately £240. This will cover two night's accommodation with breakfast, two evening meals at a local London restaurant, coach travel for the duration of the trip and entrances to all the attractions and sites. Whilst there is no obligation to pay, and no student will be discriminated against if their parent does not or cannot contribute, the visit can only go ahead if parents of all those eligible and wishing to participate are prepared to commit to a voluntary contribution of the amount indicated. If your child is eligible for free school meals, then it may be possible for the School to offer some assistance.

To ensure that each child has the same opportunity we require the permission letter to be sent back to school no later than Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. On this date if there is not enough student take up the trip will be cancelled. If we have too many students apply, places will be allocated by lottery. A non-refundable deposit of £50 will then be required by 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017.



Due to the way that the tour operator works the school will have to work out a payment schedule which all students going on the visit must adhere to. It will include the full balance paid by the beginning of September 2017. If you fail to pay the full amount by the final deadline date, your child's place on the trip will be forfeited. A more detailed plan will be issued upon your child's acceptance on to the trip.

The itinerary for the trip will be as follows, with specific times/details to be confirmed later.

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

- Meet at school and load coach
- Depart school for London
- Arrive London and time for lunch
- Visit the Museum of London Docklands
- Guided tour – The Unknown East End
- Meal at Las Iguanas
- Coach travel to Ibis Hotel London Elstree Borehamwood.



## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 2 hour guided tour of Legal London
- Visit the Royal Courts of Justice – Court in Session
- Visit the Bank of England Museum & presentation – Keeping on an even keel
- Meal at Pizza Express
- Visit Ripley's Believe It or Not!

## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017

- Visit Parliament – combined tour & education workshop
- Show – Matilda the Musical – Cambridge Theatre
- Arrive back at school





If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting me via Reception at college.

Yours Sincerely

Miss A. Thompson – Trip Leader and Head of Citizenship

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**Reply Slip to be returned to School Reception:**

**Residential visit to London**

I give permission for my child (Please put your child's name:

\_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

- To go on the Citizenship field visit to London from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017
- I understand that the deposit is non-refundable, and is to be paid no later than Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 to School Reception.

(Deposits will not be paid to the tour operator until viability of the visit is confirmed.)

- I agree to pay the full amount of the cost of the visit by the deadline date, and understand that failure to do so will lead to my child's place on the trip being forfeited

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_