

September 2015

Dear Student and Parent

Year 12 Politics, Economics and History Trip 11th – 13th July 2016

Following the success of previous trips, we are currently organising a visit to London for up to 40 Year 12 students who are studying Politics and Economics. The focus of the visit will be a tour of the Houses of Parliament, hopefully to include a meeting with the local MP, two top West End Shows, and a visit to the Imperial War Museum and Cabinet War Rooms for the Politics and History students, and a visit to Canary Wharf for the Economics students. Our aim is to increase the students' understanding about the workings and development of democracy in the UK and to gain an insight into the role of the 'City' within the UK economy; this is relevant to students studying Politics, Economics and History at 'A' Level.

The visit will include return coach travel from St Aidan's and two night's accommodation in central London on a bed and breakfast basis, entry to the museums, two evening meals and theatre tickets. Below is a provisional itinerary for the trip.

Monday 11th July 2016

AM St Aidan's main car park to London – Executive coach travel

PM Imperial War Museum

Dinner in London restaurant
Theatre Trip

Tuesday 12th July 2016

AM Houses of Parliament

PM Cabinet War Rooms
Canary Wharf

Dinner in London restaurant
Theatre Trip

Wednesday 13th July 2016

AM Free time on Oxford Street

PM Travel home to St Aidan's

The cost of the trip for each student is £320.00 based on 40 students taking part. You must allow extra cost for food and refreshments during the journey, as stops will be made at service areas or provide your own snacks.

I will of course contact you again closer to the departure with a full itinerary to include departure times and emergency contact details. Parents should be aware that students may have the opportunity to explore a carefully defined area of central London in small groups. They will of course know where to contact staff at all times.

I would like to take this opportunity to point out that the success of previous trips to London has been due in part to the excellent conduct of our students. Those who take part in this visit must recognise that this is a school trip and they must behave accordingly. Whilst the hotel we are staying in and restaurants we visit may sell alcohol, please note that Associated Sixth Form students will not be

allowed to purchase or drink alcohol during the trip. I would ask parents to reinforce these points with their daughter/son.

The first deposit will be for £100.00. **Our preferred method of payment for this trip is via ParentPay.** You will be able to view the balance due as well as giving online consent for the trip. Please note payments by cheque will still be accepted and if this is your preferred method of payment, please complete the consent slip below and return it to the finance department at school with your deposit. **All deposits must be returned by Friday 9th October.** A second payment of £110.00 will then be due by 29th January 2016 with the final installment of approximately £110.00 on Friday 4th March 2016. Further details will be sent out in due course. If you have any queries about this visit please contact us at school.

Would you please complete the consent form if you are paying by both parent pay or cheque to indicate which activity your son / daughter would like to go on Tuesday 12th July and return to the finance department via the catering box outside.

If you have any queries about this trip, require help with the payment or you have problems meeting the payment deadline, please do not hesitate to contact myself via reception or Mrs Sewell, Trips Administrator on 01423 818527.

Yours faithfully

Dr F Murray
Head of Politics, St Aidan's

Mrs S Capell
Head of Business and Economics, St Aidan's



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I give consent for my daughter / son to take part in the above visit and enclose a cheque for £100.00 made payable to St Aidan's School Fund. I can confirm that I have made it clear to my son/daughter that the consumption of alcohol on this trip is strictly forbidden.

Would you please indicate whether you would like to go to the Cabinet War Rooms or the walking tour of Canary Wharf on Tuesday 12th July 2016.

Canary Wharf Walking Tour	
Cabinet War Rooms	

Students' name Tutor Group

Parent / Guardian's signature Date

Please send completed slip and cheque to the catering box at the Finance Dept by Friday 9th October 2015. Thank you.