



1 April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Year 12 Politics Trip to London**

I would like to offer your son or daughter the opportunity to take part in the year 12 politics trip to London. The date of this visit is Tuesday 21 May 2019.

The students will be visiting the Houses of Parliament and the Royal Courts of Justice. These experiences will prove invaluable for their A-Level studies in politics. In the Houses of Parliament students will be able to explore how parliament functions and be inspired by the magnificence of Westminster Hall. In the Royal Courts of Justice students will hear about the UK justice system and how the royal courts fit into that system; they will learn about the courts' most famous cases and see original court evidence from the Guy Fawkes trial.

Students will be expected to behave responsibly in line with the St Martin's behaviour policy at all times on this trip. There may be certain times when students are allowed free time, dependant on the length of tours and time getting through security at Westminster. At these times they may be permitted to wander more freely, but in small groups of no less than four, around easily defined areas such as shopping malls, a square or a clearly identified block of streets indicated by a map which will be given to the individual students. Students will not be allowed to wander alone or outside the defined area or leave the group without the explicit permission of staff. It is important that parents realise that individual students will not be under the direct supervision of staff at all times during the visit although staff will remain within the designated areas and will be available should difficulties arise. An emergency number will be issued to the group to be used if they get separated at any time.

We will meet students at Liverpool Street main line train station on the Tuesday morning where we will use the London Underground to travel to Westminster. Once our tour of the Houses of Parliament is complete we will travel by foot or underground to The Strand where the Royal Courts of Justice are located. We will return to Liverpool Street station using the Underground following our tour of the Courts; students will then make their own way home from there. Students will be responsible for paying for their own travel so will need an oyster card, contactless payment card or money to buy a ticket at the station.

The trip will cost £26. The group will be led by me, Miss Hawkins, accompanied by Miss Roberts. If you are interested in your son or daughter participating, please fill in the attached consent form with full medical information and dietary requirements included and return to the finance office by Wednesday 24 April 2019.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to email me: [ahawkins@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:ahawkins@st-martins.essex.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

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