

11 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Houses of Parliament Trip

The Economics and Humanities Department is pleased to offer Year 12 and 13 students the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament at Westminster, London on **Thursday 1 February 2024**.

All Year 12 and 13 students studying Economics, and year 12 students studying Politics will have the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament in the morning and the Bank of England in the afternoon. As well as a tour of Parliament, students will also take part in a workshop organised by the Education Department at the Houses of Parliament focusing on the nature of government policy in the UK.

Our group will meet at Haslemere train station car park at 8.45am, to catch the 9.02am train. On arrival we will walk across the bridge to Westminster. After the tour of the Houses of Parliament, we will take the tube from Temple station to Mansion House station to walk to the Bank of England. We will return in the opposite direction and aim to catch the 4.45pm train from Waterloo. We will return to Haslemere train station at approximately 6pm. Students will need to have arrangements made to be dropped off/collected from Haslemere.

Students may wish to have some money with them in order to purchase souvenirs and will need to bring a packed lunch. Students need to be suitably dressed for the occasion (smart office attire) and be aware that, as we will be walking from Waterloo station to the Houses of Parliament, dressing for the weather will need to be considered.

The cost of this trip is the students rail fare. As it is peak time and many of our students have a 16-17 railcard it has been decided students will purchase their own tickets once they arrive at the station. As we are travelling during peak time it can hugely reduce the fare price. Those without will be able to take advantage of the 'group saver rate' when purchased together. Please ensure your child has money to purchase their tickets on the morning.

Permission may be made on Arbor. On the Parent Portal, please go to "Quick Links" and then to Trips. You can then give consent. Medical details and contact details will be taken from Arbor, so please update these using the Parent Portal if necessary.

Payment for this visit is voluntary, but if insufficient payments are made then the visit may have to be cancelled. Some financial support may be available – please contact your child's Head of Year.

For assistance with Arbor, please contact finance@mrc-academy.org

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I strongly recommend participation in this trip as I am confident your child will gain a valuable insight into the parliamentary system. If you would like any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at Abbie.ellis-saunders@mrc-academy.org

Yours sincerely

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