

14<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Dear parents/carers,

### **London Extravaganza**

Your child will be attending the music visit to London. The named person leading this visit is Helen Winn on Friday and Saturday with at least x6 other members of staff. Please see below the schedule for the visit:

#### **Friday**

- Arrive at school at the usual time
- Registration in base groups
- Travelling to London by train
- Arriving at Liverpool Street station
- Students will be exploring the streets and buildings in this part of London. Student will then walk along Brick Lane where the Bangladeshi community settled and to see the amazing local street art. Students will finish their visit to the local community with a walk along the original Roman Road.
- Students will arrive at Old Ford Primary Academy for supper, film night and overnight stay.

#### **Saturday**

- Breakfast at Old Ford Primary Academy
- Leaving Old Ford Primary Academy at 10.00am
- Travelling by coach to Guildhall Museum of Music and nearby Art Gallery
- At 2.00pm students will be listening to the Guildhall Summer Festival with a focus on Cuban Music
- Estimated time of departure from London is 3.00pm
- Estimated time of arrival at Ipswich Academy is 6.00pm

A text message will be sent to **ALL** Year 7 families when coaches have left London on Friday and Saturday.



If your child is returning on Friday evening, a coach will go to each school to collect the students plus the staff who are returning to Ipswich at approximately 6.00pm. Traffic at this time of night in central London is unpredictable. We hope the journey will take less than 3 hours.

Your child must wear their school uniform for the two days, a pair of comfortable shoes and hand any medication to the person leading the visit. They will need to bring a bag with them containing pyjamas, underwear, toiletries, a small towel, sleeping bag and a pencil case. Please note mobile telephones and cameras are taken at their own risk.

**I am still awaiting the return of the initial information sheet and the second information sheet from some students. We are not allowed to take students without these forms being completed and returned. Students who have not returned both forms will not attend the visit.**

You are warmly invited to attend a presentation and singing performance by the students on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm – 2.40pm. As there will be restrictions in the hall we would be grateful if each family could send only one representative.

Everyone at the academy is very excited about this visit especially as the students have been so engaged in the lead up to this opportunity.

Yours sincerely

**Amanda Phillips CBE**

Principal