

14th July 2016

Dear parents/carers,

London Extravaganza

Your child is attending the physical education visit to London. The named person leading this visit is Abi Thorington on Friday and Mark Mahony (SEND manger) and Lorna Arrowsmith on Saturday with at least x7 other members of staff. Please see below the schedule for the visit:

Friday

- Arrive at school at the usual time
- Registration in base groups
- Leaving Ipswich Academy at 8.30am
- Travelling by coach to London
- Visiting the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
- Tour of the venue
- Visiting the ArcelorMittal Orbit, the tallest sculpture in the UK
- Visiting the Aquatics Centre
- Attending a specialist BMX workshop on the BMX track
- Supper, film night and an overnight stay at Old Ford Primary Academy

Saturday

- Breakfast at Old Ford Primary Academy
- Leaving Old Ford Primary Academy at 9.45am
- Travelling by coach to Victoria Station
- Sightseeing London Landmarks on an open top bus tour
- Estimated time of departure from London is 12.45pm
- Estimated time of arrival at Ipswich Academy is 3.45pm

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 19th 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