

1st July 2016

Dear parents/carers

London extravaganza 15th and 16th July 2016

We have planned a residential school journey for the Year 7 students. This will enable them to secure relationships with their peers, and the adults in school, before they enter Year 8 in September.

Paradigm Trust has agreed to fund the entire cost of this residential school journey and therefore there will be no cost to you and your family. This is to ensure that all students are able to participate.

Before the residential all Year 7 students will be taught in their base groups. They will have x7 lessons between Tuesday 13th July and Thursday 14th July. These lessons will cover the following curriculum areas:

- **art and design – a study of x3 paintings**
- **drama and English – work on ‘Matilda’ by Roald Dahl**
- **geography – mapping exercise**
- **history – related to the Tower of London**
- **mathematics – costing the residential journey**
- **PSHCE – keeping safe when travelling**
- **science/ French – related to animals**

These lessons will prepare all the students for the x2 day, x1 evening/ night residential. On Friday 15th July we shall leave Ipswich Academy and travel to London by coach.

Each base group will visit/experience one of the following:

- **art and design – Tate Modern**
- **drama and English – Cambridge theatre production of ‘Matilda’**



- **geography – underground journey to several London landmarks plus the London Eye**
- **history – the Tower of London**
- **music – Walthamstow Garden Party**
- **PE – Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park**
- **science – London Zoo**

Each base group will also visit a range of London landmarks by:

- a bus tour or
- a river boat cruise or
- a walking tour

You can be absolutely confident and assured that we shall have a high ratio of adults to students, with first aiders and senior staff on hand at all times.

Accommodation will be in one of our x3 London schools, where we shall be sleeping in the assembly halls/classrooms in single sex groups.

Each student will require:

- full school uniform for x2 days (this keeps the students safe as we can easily identify them);
- a sleeping bag (and mat if required);
- a washbag/toiletries;
- a small towel;
- a bag.

No electronic devices will be required and mobile telephones and cameras will be taken at the individuals' risk.

A packed lunch will be provided by the school on Friday. Friday evening will be Film Night with pizza, popcorn and pop. Breakfast and a packed lunch will be provided on Saturday.

If you are concerned that your child/ren has a medical condition, special educational need, disability, emotional or behavioural need and you wish to discuss how this can be managed, please telephone me and a senior member of staff will return your call.



If we have concerns about the safety of your child/ren or think that he/she may put other children at risk, we shall contact you to make alternative arrangements.

The forms that you will be required to complete and sign will be sent to you in due course.

I hope that you and your child/ren are as excited as we are about this amazing opportunity – it will be fantastic!

Yours faithfully

Amanda Phillips CBE

Principal