

January 2017

Dear Parent

Geography & History London trip Tuesday 18th July & Wednesday July 19th 2017

I have planned what will hopefully be an exciting and interesting educational trip to our capital city. The activities and visits planned link closely with the Geography Year 8 syllabus on Rivers & Flooding in particular, and also with the History syllabus which focuses on WWI & WW2 in year 9. It is perfectly timed for our Year 8 students moving into year 9!

Based at the University Of Middlesex Halls of Residence (giving students a flavour of university life), we will travel by coach to the iconic **Thames Flood Barrier** where we will be able to view this amazing structure up close, and our group will have a pre - booked guided talk provided by the education team at the visitor centre.

The **Thames Barrier** was officially opened on 8 May 1984. Total construction cost was around £534 million and it is one of the largest movable flood barriers in the world. The Environment Agency runs and maintains this facility and raises the barrier every month for maintenance and testing...there is a possibility that students may witness the barrier in operation!

Also on day one will be a tour of the **Royal Air Force Museum** in North London...located on the former Hendon Aerodrome site, with five major buildings and hangars dedicated to the history of aviation and the Royal Air Force - it houses a fantastic collection of aircraft, artefacts, uniforms and displays...it is a spectacular museum!

After the trip to this museum students will spend some time at the accommodation before our coach takes us for an evening in central London with a visit to the **Hard Rock Cafe** for our evening meal followed by a guided tour of the sights from the safety of the coach!

On day 2 we will again make use of our coach and driver and visit the **Royal Museums of Greenwich**. We will spend time exploring the **Cutty Sark** and discover what life was like on board the World's sole surviving tea clipper and fastest ship of her time. In the afternoon we will have lunch overlooking the River Thames before exploring the **Royal Observatory** where students will be able to stand on the **Prime Meridian** of the World...Longitude 0°! Every place on Earth was measured in terms of its distance east or west from this line, it also sets the world's time zones against Greenwich Mean Time!

The cost of the trip is £199. I appreciate that this is quite an expense but it includes all activities, entrance fees and guided talks. It also includes a **2-course meal with drinks at the Hard Rock Cafe** on day one together with breakfast and packed lunch on day 2. We do also have 2 designated coach drivers and the coach for the entire trip.

In the first instance, we will need a £50 non-refundable deposit to secure a place on the trip by 10th February 2017. The remaining balance will be paid in stages and spread across the spring term. The final balance will be required by the end of the Spring term.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in the visit, please complete and return the reply slip and a £50 deposit. Cheques should be made payable to Chapel-en-le-Frith High School with the student's name and form on the reverse. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. However, we do reserve the right to refuse a place to students with a record of poor behaviour and/or attendance.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

I Smith
Teacher of Geography



Please return to the school office: Humanities London Trip: July 2017 FAO Mr Smith

Name: _____ **Tutor Group** _____

I would like to secure a place for my son/daughter on the above trip and enclose a deposit of £50.

Signed: Parent