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Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Year 7 Trip to London

I am delighted to offer your child an opportunity to enrich their studies of History and Art with a day trip to visit both Westminster Abbey, and the National Portrait Gallery in central London. All of Year 7 will be expected to attend this trip, which will provide the students with visits to key cultural sites in our capital city.

Students will travel in small groups on the London Underground and will spend time exploring Westminster Abbey, a site of great historical significance linked to their Year 7 history lessons on the Norman invasion, medieval life in England and the evolving role of the monarchy. The Abbey is not only a Christian place of worship, but also the location of royal coronations since 1066 and the burial site of thousands of key figures in British history including former Prime Ministers, monarchs and the 'Unknown Warrior' who died in World War One.

Students will also visit the National Portrait Gallery, which houses the most extensive collection of portraits in the world. The Gallery features portraits of famous British people, including photographs, caricatures, drawings and sculptures of influential people who have contributed to the life of our nation. This visit to the Gallery will enrich the students' study of drawing, painting and using real life and photography for artistic inspiration.

The trip will take place on Wednesday 25th June. Students must arrive at school by the usual time of 8.30am on the day of the trip, but will return to school at staggered times in the afternoon, between 4.10-4.45pm to avoid overcrowding on the underground. We will travel on the London Underground and transport is provided free of charge by TfL. Students will be supervised at all times, and will have lunch in Green Park. All students must bring a packed lunch on this day, any students who receive free school meals will be given a lunch provided by school.

The trip will cost £6.50, and payment must be made on ParentPay by Tuesday 3rd June. Contributions should ordinarily, like permission slips, be made in advance of deadlines, but it is understandable that, from time to time, circumstances make this difficult. In situations where finances do cause difficulties, parents/guardians should contact the visit organiser. Families who are in receipt of free school meals will have the cost of the trip covered by the school. A reminder that all students' participation on trips is subject to our [visits agreement](#) which was signed when your child started RHS. **All parents/guardians must also sign [this](#) permission form to give consent for your child to attend.**

We are really looking forward to taking Year 7 on this exciting day trip which I know will really bring their study of History and Art to life. Should you have any questions, please contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely



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Trip leader