



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Ms E Ellis BA, MA

20th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Trip to London, Friday 21st October 2022

I am writing with details about an exciting trip we have planned for the whole of Year 7, to spend a day in London on Friday 21st October. Students will be visiting key historical sites and spending time together as a year group as they come to the end of their first half term at Fearnhill.

We will travel by train to central London, meeting qualified Blue Badge Guides on arrival. We will then take a walking tour in groups that will include key sites such as The Stock Exchange, the Bank of England, the Old Bailey, Guildhall and others, taking a break at the Tower of London for lunch. We will then travel from the Tower to Westminster by boat, taking the second half of the tour around Buckingham Palace, The Mall, Downing Street and Whitehall, St James's Park, Parliament Square and the Houses of Parliament. The Blue Badge Guides have been specially briefed and the trip is tailored to our requirements. We want to make some great memories for our students, completing their secondary transition process and growing their confidence and understanding of themselves and their capital city.

We will meet at Letchworth railway station at 9.00am on Friday 21st October, take the Thameslink train into London and return at around 4.30pm. Students need to bring a packed lunch and a small amount of spending money if required, although shopping opportunities will be limited. All students are expected to wear school uniform and an outdoor coat, with trainers or other suitable footwear as they will be walking a great deal. They may also bring a mobile phone. The trip is planned to include a river trip on the Clipper, or a short London Underground ride if this is not possible. Students will be supervised at all times.

The cost of the trip will be £32 per student, which includes all transport costs and the service of the Blue Badge Guides. There are no other costs involved. We understand costs are a concern for many families at the moment, so if you have any worries about payment for this trip, or you wish to discuss a payment plan, please contact Mrs Rainbow at hazel.rainbow10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk to discuss this in confidence.

We would like every student in Year 7 to attend this trip. If you have completed the global consent form you will have given your consent for your child to participate. Alternatively you can give your consent when you make payment. Payment can only be made via the School Gateway as we are unable to accept payment by cheque or cash. Please contact the finance office if you have any questions about this method. Payment will need to be made by **7th October 2022** at the latest.

We look forward to an enjoyable trip where we expect the same high standards of behaviour as in School. The School reserves the right to withdraw any student, at any time, if they have behaviour issues, in accordance with our policy.

Yours faithfully

Ms E Ellis
Headteacher

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