



14th February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

TRIP TO DEBATE COMPETITION: FOREIGN & COMMONWEALTH OFFICE IN CENTRAL LONDON

Your child has been selected to attend an after-school debate competition designed for sixth-formers, at a prestigious central London venue. This is due to their attendance at a weekly Debate Club run at the school. The trip will take place after school (pupils will miss period 7 only) and will involve a guided tour of the ministry building at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The students will then get to do their debates in some of the committee rooms which have also hosted discussions on some of the biggest foreign policy decisions of the last century.

Details of the trip:

- Venue:** Foreign and Commonwealth Office (King Charles St, Westminster, London SW1A 2AH).
- Date(s):** Tuesday 26th February
- Time:** 3.30pm – 7pm (Pupils will leave school at 14.30, and will be back no later than 8.30pm)
- Travel arrangements:** Travel from school by train (Overground & Underground). Travel home by bus.
- Cost:** No cost: **please ensure pupils have their Oyster cards for free travel**
- Meals:** Pupils will have lunch before they leave school.

This will be a great opportunity for the students to be introduced to debating competitions, competing against sixth-form pupils from schools and colleges across London. Debate is an engaging and fun way to develop professional and formal communication skills, as well enhancing problem-solving, essay-writing and logic; these skills are applicable to a variety of subjects and careers.

Please be assured that the students will be accompanied to and from the venue, as well as being fully supervised for the entire trip. Alternatively, it would be very helpful if you could indicate on the permission slip below if you are happy for your child to make their own way home after the competition. If there are any concerns regarding the trip, please feel free to contact myself or Ms Fox, on the above number.

Please complete the attached reply slip below and return it to me or Ms Fox by Monday 25th February. **Please Note: No child will be allowed to attend the trip without a completed reply slip.**

Yours faithfully

Ms A Hartley
Lead Practitioner (Literacy)

REPLY SLIP: Debate Competition at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office – 26/02/2019

I give permission for my child to attend the trip to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

Student Name:..... Form:.....
(please print)

I am happy for my child to make their own way home from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office YES / NO

If yes, please give details

Medical Condition/Allergies:.....

Emergency Contact Name and Relationship to Child:.....

Emergency Contact Number:.....

Signed:..... (Parent/Carer) Date:.....

