



St John Fisher Catholic High School

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Dear Parents,

RE: Year 9 (Current Year 8) Geography Residential Fieldtrip to London (October 2019)

The Geography Department at St John Fisher School aims to provide many fieldwork and enrichment opportunities for our students. Therefore, we are planning a trip to London **for students who have opted to study Geography at GCSE level next year.**

This trip is an enrichment trip and it will be a fantastic opportunity for students to gain a first-hand experience at exploring content studied during the GCSE course along with seeing the sights of our capital city.

The trip is planned to take place from Friday 25th October 2019 to Sunday 27th October 2019. We are using the company 'WST Travel' to organise our visit who have won awards for 'Best School Tour Operator'. The trip will be accompanied by members of staff from school who have a vast experience of residential school trips.

The trip will include a range of educational excursions including:

- A visit to the Thames Barrier to explore a major flood management scheme in the UK.
- Tour of the London Olympic site to explore the challenges and opportunities that it has created along with an opportunity to explore a major urban regeneration project in the UK.
- Visit to Canary Wharf to explore how changes in the UK economy have affected employment patterns and regional growth.
- Visit to the Natural History Museum to explore how volcanoes and earthquakes have shaped our planet.
- Visit to The Crystal to explore the future in sustainability for our cities.

The trip will also include a range of sightseeing excursions including:

- A flight on the London Eye.
- A ride on the ArcelorMittal Orbit slide at the London Olympic site.
- A cruise along the River Thames.
- Visit to Greenwich park.

The cost of the visit will be £270. This includes two nights Bed and Breakfast accommodation at a Premier Inn hotel in Elstree along with two evening meals in local restaurants. The price also includes all entrance fees to educational and sightseeing excursions and transport by coach from St John Fisher to London and the use of the coach for the duration of our visit.

Students will need to bring with them some spending money to pay for soft drinks and lunch during the day and any souvenirs they wish to purchase. A recommended amount will be discussed at a parent's information evening at a later date.





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As with all school trips, health and safety is a priority and we expect the highest of standards of behaviour throughout the duration of the trip. There will be an opportunity for parents to attend a parent's information evening at a later date where more information will be available regarding the trip and the planned itinerary.

If you would like your son or daughter to participate in this trip, then we will need a non-refundable deposit of **£50** to secure and confirm places with the tour company before **Thursday 9th May 2019**. Deposit and instalment payments should be made via Parent Pay. Payments for the trip should be made via instalments or in full according to the schedule listed below:

- £50 deposit by Friday 10th May 2019
- £150 by Tuesday 30st June 2019
- £70 by Friday 30th August 2019

Places are limited on this trip so if the trip is oversubscribed then a random selection will be taken and those who are unsuccessful will have their deposits refunded.

We are currently aware that there will also be further fieldtrip opportunities with other departments during the next academic year, including a visit to Germany with the History department and Rome with the RE department.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. My e-mail address is rchatten@sjfchs.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

Mr Robert Chatten
Teacher of Geography

