

October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 8 Parliament Trip Tuesday 22 January 2019

We are delighted to inform you, that your child has been invited to take part in a trip to parliament on **Tuesday 22 January 2019**. The trip will enable students to explore the Palace of Westminster and learn about the history of parliament, as well as the art and architecture of the buildings. Dependent on what is happening in parliament on the day, students will have the chance to visit The House of Commons, The House of Lords, Westminster Hall and Central Lobby.

Students will also participate in a 'Story of Parliament' workshop, led by Parliamentary Educational Service staff. The tour starts with a 15-minute, 360 degree, high production film taking pupils through key events in the changing history of UK parliament. The group will then explore the Palace of Westminster, learning about the work of parliament today. The workshop will give visitors the opportunity to reflect on what the UK parliament of the future might look like and their relationship to that change.

The cost for transport and tickets to the event is £12.00, which is payable via ParentPay by **Tuesday 8 January 2019**. Pupils are required to wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch with them on the trip. We will leave Brockington at **8.30 am** and aim to return to school by **5.30 pm**. Please be aware that students will need to walk home or be collected upon their return to Brockington College, as there will be no school buses at this time.

We would very much like this visit to take place. However, the visit is an "optional extra" under the 1996 Education Act and the school is allowed to make a charge in full. We will receive a travel subsidy for transportation from parliament, which is reflected in the cost of the trip. If there are not sufficient pupils to make the trip viable, then the trip will be cancelled and a full refund will be given. We must make it very clear that no funds whatsoever exist for this activity. Parents/carers of children in receipt of free school meals are entitled to 'Opportunity Funding' to cover the cost of the trip and should tick the relevant box on the reply slip below. If the trip is over-subscribed, we will give priority to students who have demonstrated positive behaviour and have good attendance records, with names picked at random. Pupils not selected for the trip will receive a full refund.

To secure a place for your child, please return the reply slip below by **Tuesday 8 January 2019**.

Yours sincerely

Miss Howard & Mr Carr
More and Most Able Coordinator Teacher of History

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Please complete and return to Mr Carr via reception by Tuesday 8 January 2019

Pupil Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Medical condition(s): _____

I undertake to inform the staff of any change in medical circumstances between returning this form and the trip date of **Tuesday 22 January to the Houses of Parliament**.

I understand that my son/daughter will be covered by an insurance policy that specifically covers school trips, a copy of which is available to me, should I so request. I also give permission for photographs/videos to be taken for publicising the event.

I would like to apply for a place on this trip for my child. I have made a payment of £11.50 via Parent Pay	<input type="checkbox"/>
or	
I am entitled to receive Opportunity Funding and would like to apply it to the cost of this trip	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed by: _____ Date: _____
(By the adult with legal responsibility for the young person)

