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8th January 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Tower of London and Whitechapel Tour Trip, 9th and 10th July 2020, Year 9, History, London

I am pleased to inform you that we have organised a day trip to London for our GCSE students. This will be a great opportunity for students to engage with two sites linked to their Year 9 studies of Elizabethan England and Crime and Punishment. Students will spend the morning at the Tower of London before taking part in a walking tour of Whitechapel with a focus on poverty, policing and the Jack the Ripper murders.

In order to ensure as many students as possible can attend, the day trip will run on two dates, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th July. Please note that students who also take GCSE Art must attend on Friday 10th July to avoid a mock exam clash.

Places are limited to 48 students per day and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and therefore we recommend early payment to secure your child's place. After all tickets have been sold, the trip will no longer appear on TSCO for payment. Should this be the case and you wish your son/daughter to be put on the waiting list, please contact CInvernizzi@sponne.org.uk

The total cost of the trip will be £29.00 which includes transport, entrance to the Tower of London and the walking tour.

Students will need to be at Sponne by 6.30am to ensure we can have a prompt departure. We should be arriving back at Sponne at 5.30-6pm. Students will need to be dressed in school uniform but with sensible and comfortable shoes for walking. They should also bring a packed lunch. Students can bring a small amount of spending money for the gift shop if they wish.

Please be advised that should a place be booked for your son/daughter and they later withdraw, we always endeavour to find a replacement student for the place. However if this is not possible, we are unable to offer a refund.

Should concerns be raised by school staff regarding behaviour or attendance issues of students, the school reserves the right to withdraw places on the trip at any time. Should this become necessary no refunds of monies paid will be forthcoming.

The trip is now open and active on TSCO Scopay for all eligible students. If you wish your son / daughter to go on this trip, you must give your consent by ticking the consent box on the TSCO payment page. Click on the name of the trip highlighted in green, enter the payment amount, tick the Permission Slip box, add to basket and proceed to payment. A voluntary contribution of **£29.00** will be required by **30th April** to confirm their place. Please be aware that if insufficient funds are received or if numbers of students are too low, it may be necessary to cancel the trip.

As this is a curriculum related activity connected to their course, any student that is eligible for free school meals **may** also be eligible for financial assistance with this trip and should contact Anne-Louise James, Parent Support Advisor, on aljames@sponne.org.uk or on ext 237 at the school for further information.

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All payments should be made via TSCO Scopay. If you require any assistance, please contact Claire Invernizzi cinvernizzi@sponne.org.uk on 01327 350284.

This letter is now on the School Website - Key Information, Parents, Letters Home, Year 9.

Yours faithfully,

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