



Dear Parents/Carers,

Details for our residential to London have been finalised and final arrangements are in place. In light of this I am now able to pass these details on to you. Below I have highlighted arrangements for travel, accommodation and attractions, along with requirements and some FAQs.

Travel - Although your newsletters state that October 31st is a non-pupil day we will still be going on that day. Our trip was arranged before the academic council arranged the non-pupil day.

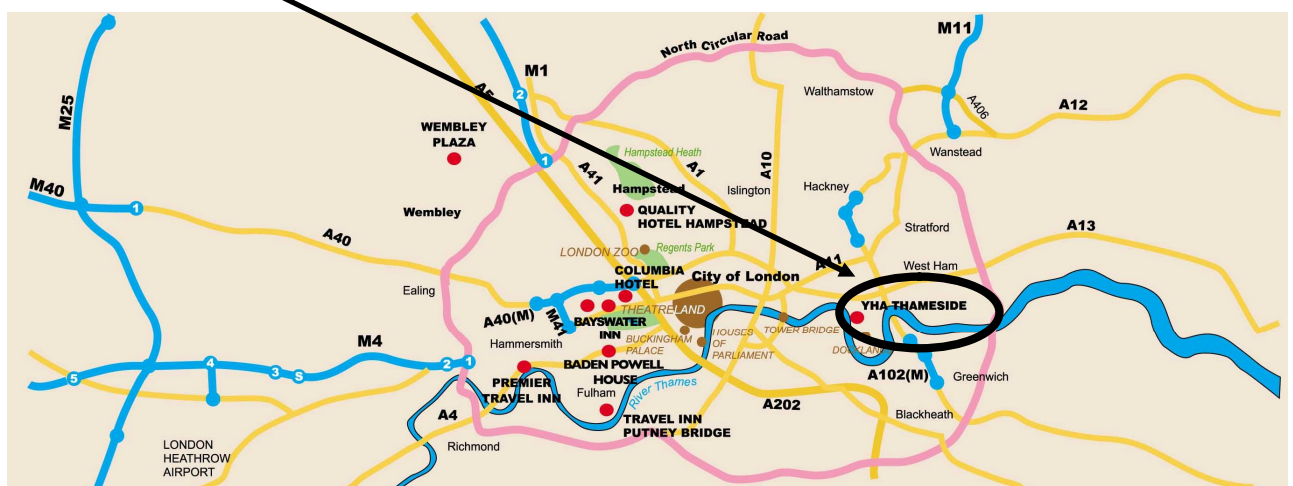
Children will need to arrive at school at 7:30am on Monday 31st October. After a registration they will board a coach which will take them to London. The coach will leave at 8am. This will be their means of travel for the whole trip (apart from on the London Eye!). We will not be using public transport. The coach will collect us from the youth hostel and take us to all of our destinations before dropping us off again in the evenings. On one of the evenings a London tour guide will join us as we take a 'Blue Badge' tour of London on our coach. On the occasion that children will have to cross roads risk assessments are in place and clear guidelines will be given. We will arrive back at school for collection on Thursday 3rd November and aim to be there at 7:00pm (traffic dependent). Please ensure that you provide your child with any necessary travel medication.

Accommodation - We will be staying at the YHA hostel Thameside for the duration of our trip. Here they will provide us with breakfast, packed lunch and evening meals. Children will sleep in single gender dormitories of between 4-6 beds. Considerations in regards to friendships will be taken into account when assigning dorm groups. All rooms are security enabled and have lockable safes from children's personal items. There will be teachers sleeping in rooms along the same corridors as the children. Please speak to me if your child has any particular difficulties or special arrangements in regards to sleeping.



For more info see: <http://www.yha.org.uk/find-accommodation/london/hostels/london-thameside/index.aspx>

Location



Food and drink – Please send your child to school on the Monday with a packed lunch, including a reusable drinks bottle. It would be worth adding a little extra snack as it will be a long day. There are water fountains in the hostel on every floor. If your child has any particular dietary requirements then please add this to the attached form.

We will be visiting a number of London attractions while we are in the city. Children will be in groups with an adult following a museum trail or range of activities. All attractions have full risk assessments and health and safety procedures in place. The places that we will be visiting are as follows:

Monday: Tate Modern
Southwark Park Trail

Tuesday: British Museum (including Egypt galleries)
Houses of Parliament
Blue Badge Tour (taking in the Olympic Village)

Wednesday: Natural History Museum
Imperial War Museum
London Eye Experience

Thursday: Science Museum including Launchpad

We may also take in a few sights en route to some of the attractions.

The Objectives

- To experience the capital city
- To have 'hands-on' learning experiences in a variety of museums
- To consolidate the topic of World War 2
- To begin the topic of the Egyptians
- To understand how art is exhibited in a real gallery.
- To build relationships with peers away from the familiar settings of home and school

The Work (Yes there will be work children!)

While we are away the children will be keeping diaries of the trip. In these they will include their highs (lots) and lows (very few), the experiences of the museums, diagrams, thoughts and opinions. For year 5 children this will help them with their recounts (literacy work) when they return to class. For year 6 children the visit will assist with the revision of recounts, newspapers, reports, diary writing, letter writing and persuasive writing.

Please could all children bring a notebook, no bigger than A5 size, to use as a diary. They can decorate the front cover to personalise it.

The children will also be completing some work set around their visits on Monday and Wednesday evening.

The spending money

The children will be able to take NO MORE than £20 to spend on items at the museums. This money will either be in a room locker or with group adult. Please provide money in £5 notes for ease of spending each day.

The Kit list

- Coat, if possible one that can be packed into a rucksack
- 2/3 Pairs of trousers
- shoes or trainers
- Socks and underwear - 4/5 pairs
- 2/3 Sweatshirts/jumpers
- One SCHOOL JUMPER
- 2/3 Shirts or t-shirts
- Pyjamas
- Toilet bag with soap and flannel
- Towel
- Notebook/diary
- Toothpaste & toothbrush
- Small backpack for daily use
- Drinks container (refillable & unbreakable)
- Torch (optional)
- A book to read
- Your teddy! (optional)



No mobile phones, electronic games or electrical items please. We will take lots of photos which can be copied for you on our return.

I hope this covers everything! If you have any further questions do not hesitate to ask me. Mr Perkins and Mr Lee may also be able to help. We look forward to a wonderful trip to London once again and hope that the children will get a great deal from it. This trip still holds fond memories for the children who I first took in 2008.

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