

13th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 8 London Residential Visit - June 2023

We are delighted to have organised a **residential visit to London** for our Year 8 children providing them with the opportunity to experience life in a large and diverse city whilst taking part in a number of exciting educational activities.

The trip will take place in the week beginning **Monday 12th June 2023** with classes split into 2 groups. Group 1 will visit London from Monday 12th June to Wednesday 14th June, and group 2 from Wednesday 14th June to Friday 16th June.

The children will have 3 days of activities and stay overnight for 2 nights. We will be staying at the YHA Youth Hostel in St Paul's, which is in the heart of the city, on a full-board basis, so the children will be provided with breakfast, lunch and an evening meal. Children will be accompanied on this trip by members of our Senior Leadership team, ourselves and Key Stage 3 teaching staff.

We have planned a full programme of activities which will allow the children to experience London and be able to link many of their visits to their studies in school. Our itinerary currently includes:

- A visit to the Harry Potter Studios where the children can marvel at the creation of the Harry Potter films and have an insight into the industry of animation and film making
- A trip on the London Eye to allow the children to spot many of the famous Landmarks of our capital city.
- A boat trip down the Thames where the children will be able to learn about the importance of the River Thames to London, and the history behind some of the buildings lining the River.
- A visit to the Globe Theatre where the children will have a full tour and learn about all things Shakespeare! This will include an amazing workshop led by one of the Globe experts
- A visit to the Natural History Museum where the children will learn about the history of our planet, look at many interesting artefacts and a visit to the new Titanosaurus exhibition.
- A night walk - an opportunity to see London at night and compare it to Dorset where they will take in landmarks such as Buckingham Palace.

Note: It is possible that there will be availability for a visit to the Houses of Parliament and if so our itinerary may change slightly.

We are sure that you will agree that this residential visit presents a wonderful opportunity for our children and we hope that they will consider taking part. Unfortunately, we are only able to offer 96 pupil places due to coach and accommodation availability. If your child does not wish to take part in this trip, then they will be expected to attend school as normal during this week.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis when this trip becomes available to register for on ParentMail at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 17th January. We will confirm if your child has been successful in securing a place by Friday 20th January. The payment schedule will then be added to your ParentMail account. Making payment of your initial deposit secures your place.

We apologise for not being able to provide full details of this trip during the Autumn term and as a result our payment schedule is a little tighter than we may have liked. Once your child has been allocated a place on this trip the following payment schedule will be used.

The final cost of this residential visit is £260.

Payment 1	£52.00 Initial deposit (<i>non refundable</i>)	To be paid by: Friday 3rd February
Payment 2	£52	To be paid by: Friday 3rd March
Payment 3	£52	To be paid by: Friday 7th April
Payment 4	£52	To be paid by: Friday 5th May
Payment 5	£52	To be paid by: Friday 2nd June

Please be aware that we expect the highest standards of behaviour from our pupils at all times and the school reserves the right to remove any pupil from this trip if their behaviour is not of an acceptable standard prior to or during this trip. Removing a child from a trip is a last resort, therefore the parents/carers of any pupil under threat of removal will be made aware of their unacceptable behaviour within school. Any monies already paid to the school will be non-refundable.

If you have any questions, then please contact the school office or Mr Fisk - jfisk@allenbournmiddle.org or Mr Hickson - chickson@allenbournmiddle.org.

We look forward to sharing this exciting experience with your children as they approach their final months at Allenbourn Middle School.

Yours sincerely

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Chris Hickson
Head of Year 8



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