

London Democracy Trip 2023

2nd and 3rd March

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If you haven't already, please sign in (tick next to your child's name) and take a letter from the front. This just summarises the key information I am going to go over in a bit

If your child's name is highlighted on the list, I do not yet have their consent form. Can you please take one and, if possible, fill in and return now. If not, please ensure this is completed tonight and handed in tomorrow.

Thursday 2nd March

- Depart Liskeard School at 5.15am via Roslyn Coaches-Coach to stay with group and transport to locations.
- **11.00-12.00- London Central Islam Mosque** – 1 hour tour/workshop
- **13.30-15.30: Houses of Parliament** –Law and Order Workshop and Tour of the Houses of Parliament.
- **TBC:** To include Sheryl Murray (MP for SE Cornwall) to meet students at the Houses of Parliament- If Sheryl is in London
- **Dinner at YHA St Pauls Cathedral:** Students have chosen their meals in advance.
- **Evening: Victoria Apollo Theatre: Wicked**

Friday 3rd March

- **Breakfast and Leave the YHA, packed lunch provided.** Depart approx. 9.30
- **10.00am – 2.00pm: KidZania.** A four hour immersive work experience where students are able to take part in a number of real life employment activities sponsored by real employers. #
- Each student will receive 50 kidZos. They can then choose how they manage their money throughout their visit. They could invest in specialist training in certain roles such as Firefighter or Airline Pilot or work in a number of other activities and be paid for their hard work!
- **3.30pm – 4.45pm: A View from the London Eye**– Before departing for Cornwall there will be a final opportunity to admire the landscape of our Capital City from the London Eye
- **5.00pm: Sightseeing on the Thames Clipper**
- **Then Home!**

Thursday Travel

- **Departure at 5.15am prompt** I will be at the school from 4.50am.
 - **Students can sleep on the bus!!**
- **Medicines** – please hand any medicines to a member of staff in a clearly labelled bag, with clear instructions.
- We will stop at a services on the way up, but this is more for a toilet stop so they cannot be relied on for food. As previously said, students need a breakfast and packed lunch to eat on the coach on the way up
- All travel around London will be by coach – or walking where it will be quicker.

Friday Travel

- After having breakfast (we are booked for 8.30), students will need to get ready for the day, pack their bags and be ready to start putting bags on the coach for 9.00 (9.15 departure).
- Again, we will use the coach to travel to our activities for the day
- We will leave London around 5.00pm – starting with the Clipper. We will aim to be back on the bus for about 6.15pm. On the way back, we are stopping for evening food at a services at around 7.00-7.30 depending on traffic.
- We are expecting to arrive back in Liskeard at around **11pm** We will get students to contact you when we are crossing the Tamar Bridge.
- Please pick up students promptly as staff cannot leave until the last student has left. Students must be picked up by an adult, they cannot walk home.

Clothing and Baggage

- We will be travelling during early spring. Most activities are inside, but some are outside so students need to be dressed appropriately: trousers, warm clothing, waterproof coat and appropriate footwear.
- Clothing also needs to be appropriate for a school setting – e.g. no crop tops, short skirts
- In addition, as we are visiting a mosque and clothing for this needs to be modest.

Security

- Mr Clyde has been in contact with Cornwall Council. Advice by the Outdoor Education Panel and Cornwall Council is that both are happy for all trips to proceed at present.
- All staff will be briefed on what to do in the event of an emergency
- Students will be fully briefed before we travel.
- In summary, in the event of an emergency, the government and county advice of RUN, HIDE, TELL is to be followed.
- **PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO CONTACT YOUR CHILD IN THE EVENT OF ANY SECURITY ISSUE.** We will contact first the school, and then parents at the first safest opportunity.

If your child is ill...

- In the unfortunate event your child does have Covid-19, or any other illness and so cannot attend, please let me know on Thursday morning prior to 5.15 via the emergency phone number or my email.
- You should still contact the attendance office as normal, but I do not have access to this so will not pick it up prior to departure.

Other Information

- **Student Identification** – Students will be required to wear a school wristband at all times with the school information on it.
- **Student Mobile Phones** – Students are allowed to bring phones for music on the coach (with headphones), photos etc. but staff do not accept responsibility for them. However they will need be away when doing activities. If they are being used inappropriately, staff will confiscate them as per the school mobile phone policy.
- **Emergency Contact** – The school contact number is 07498 241634. This is to be used for emergencies only, but during school hours please contact reception who will contact us. We will contact you if we need to.

Other Information

- **Spending Money**- At your discretion but not too much.. There will be very little opportunity to buy souvenirs
- **Clothing** – Sensible footwear (trainers are best). Layers e.g. T-Shirt, Sweatshirt etc. are best. Do bring a waterproof coat.
- **Good considerate behaviour is expected at all times.**

Clothing and Baggage

- As you can see from the itinerary, we have a very busy day with very little 'free time' so we will not be going to the hostel until we go there for the evening meal. Students will therefore need two bags.
- **Students' overnight bag** - change of clothes, toiletries, towels etc - will stay on the coach all day and not be accessed until the evening. Bedding is provided
- **Students' day bag** - two packed lunches (breakfast and lunch), snacks, a drink in a refillable water bottle, and anything else they may need.

Visiting the Mosque

- The Mosque have been very accommodating to us this year. Since our last visit, they have placed a limit of 30 on group numbers.
- Because of our behaviour and reputation in the past, they have agreed that we can visit as a group of 50 – we will be split into two groups of 25.
- Therefore, we must reciprocate this agreement with the Mosque and ensure that the students are on their best behaviour and dressed appropriately, taking the Islamic culture into account.

Visiting the Mosque

- Legs, arms and shoulders **MUST** be covered. The general rule to follow is no skin should be showing apart from hands and head
- No tights, leggings, tight fitting trousers, short skirts, ripped jeans, short tops, crops tops etc.
- **Girls must also wear a head scarf** – you need to bring one with you as it is not provided (this can just be a normal scarf worn around the head)
- Mosque also requires shoes to be taken off, so ensure you have socks (and check them for holes!)
- **We are not going to say students cannot wear the more appropriate things we find culturally acceptable.**
- **What we are asking is that students bring something they can put over the top of these clothes whilst in the mosque – hoodie, baggie trousers, sarong type covering. This must go in students' day bag**

Other Information

- **Spending Money**- At your discretion but not too much. The only money needed is for dinner at the service station on the way home. There will be very little opportunity to buy souvenirs anyway.
- **Clothing** – Sensible footwear (trainers are best). Layers e.g. T-Shirt, Sweatshirt etc. are best. Do bring a waterproof coat.
- **Good considerate behaviour is expected at all times.**

Strike Action

- This trip is not affected by strike action.
- We are aware of strike action in the centre of London on that day. We may change our plan regarding visiting the Houses of Parliament if we can't get to parliament.

We are hoping to be home at 23:00 on the 3rd March.

We will ask students to contact parents if this changes.

Questions...?