

15 November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

KS5 Politics and Law visit to the Palace of Westminster and the Supreme Court

An educational visit has been arranged for Year 12 Politics and Law students on Thursday 19 March 2020.

Students will spend the morning at the Palace of Westminster, where they will participate in a Representation and Voting workshop, run by the Parliamentary Education Service. In the workshop, students are invited to explore democratic representation in the UK and consider whether different voting systems accurately reflect the views of the people and the advantages and disadvantages of some of the systems used in elections across the UK. Students will also compete as political parties and design a two-pledge manifesto before putting it to the test at the imaginary polls. After the workshop students will have a tour of the Palace of Westminster, with the opportunity to view the House of Commons and House of Lords. The MP for the Braintree constituency will be informed of our visit and they will be invited along to meet students and answer their questions. This is subject to the MP's availability in Westminster at the time of our visit.

In the afternoon, students will visit the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is the final court of appeal in the UK for civil and criminal cases from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Students will hear a talk from an Information Officer at the Court, before visiting the educational exhibition area. Students will also have the opportunity to observe some of an appeal hearing, depending on the court schedule and space in the public seating areas.

Students will need to take a packed lunch for the day. The group will travel to London by coach. The coach will leave the school site at 7am sharp and will return for approximately 6.30pm.

The cost of the visit is £35 and is non-refundable. Payment may be made via ParentPay or by cheque (see details below). Please return the reply slip and the form giving your contact details via the trips box located in Café6 by no later than Friday 28 November 2019.

No student, however, will be excluded from this trip on the grounds of cost alone. The school Educational Trips and Visits policy can be found here: www.notleyhigh.com/educational-visits-policy Please note that if insufficient numbers make a voluntary contribution the trip will not be able to run.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Wager
Assistant Headteacher – KS4 and Politics Teacher

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Student Name

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the visit to the Palace of Westminster and the Supreme Court on Thursday 19 March 2020

- Please find enclosed a cheque for £35*
- Please set up a facility for me to pay the cost on ParentPay*

** Please tick your chosen payment option above*

(Cheques should be made payable to Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form, with the student's name on the reverse).

Signed Parent/carerDate