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Dear Parents,

DRAMA & MUSIC LONDON RESIDENTIAL 21- 23 JUNE 2023

We are excited to be proposing a school tour to London to support our curriculum plans for Drama & Music pupils and enhance learning experiences within the school. I wrote to you previously however need to clarify some details. The trip is being booked through NST Travel, the UK's leading educational travel company for schools with more than 45 years' experience. They work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the very best learning experience whilst away.

Drama pupils: this will be important for your child's GCSE in Drama as pupils will be required to write about one of the performances seen in their Component 3 written examination. In the workshop pupils will have the opportunity to work practically in developing their understanding of the performance they have seen.

Music students: In addition to the group activities and theatre performances, we are hoping that pupils will access a workshop developed by the London Symphony orchestra, using music technology and acoustic instruments to create a group composition. Composition is an integral part of the GCSE and A-Level music courses and accounts for up to 30% of students' overall grade.

Here are the key details about the planned trip:

TRANSPORT

Train

Return rail travel from Manchester Piccadilly to London

Accommodation

Hotel / Centre

Board basis

Number of nights

Premier Inn London Kensington

Bed and Breakfast

2

Also included in our tour

- Travel insurance
- 2 x Theatre Performance (TBA One play & one musical theatre)
- 90 Minute Workshop
- 3 x London Underground Day Travelcard Off Peak (Zones 1-6)
 - 2 x 2 Course Meal with Soft Drink
 - Thames River Cruise (return)
 - Bespoke itinerary planning service

Urmston Grammar School - Headteacher: Mrs R S Wall
pride, participation, empathy

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In addition to the tour cost, we recommend that your child has an appropriate amount of spending money for the trip, this will need to cover the costs of lunch for day one and an evening meal on our return journey plus any additional snacks or souvenirs.

The total cost for the trip is £475.00. To secure a place for your son, daughter or ward on this trip, a non-refundable deposit of £75.00 is required, along with the completed permission slip by MONDAY 3 OCTOBER 2022. This will be followed by further payments as follows:

£133 by FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 2023

£133.00 by FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2023

£134 by FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2023

Interim payments can be made between the dates outlined above. Please contact Finance (igriffin@urmstongrammar.org.uk) should you wish to discuss an alternative payment plan.

Permission for your son/daughter and all payments can be made via Parent Pay.

Year 12 pupils should be aware that their end of year exams will take place in the following week and should therefore ensure they have prepared in advance of our trip.

Please note cancellation charges will apply should you cancel your child's place on the tour.

I do hope your son/daughter will be keen to join us on what promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Should you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me (hglen@urmstongrammar.org.uk).

Kind regards
Helen Glen
Head of Drama