Our Ref: 072/18

11<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parent /Carer,

You have now paid in full for your son to attend the music trip to London and I am writing to give you the final information about our journey. The itinerary is as follows:

Wednesday July 11 <sup>th</sup> 2018		
08:47am	Depart Liverpool South Parkway- students must arrive at Liverpool South Parkway no later than	
	8.10am.	
11:00 am	Arrive London Euston	
11.00 am	Meet Tour Manager and coach for panoramic	Students are advised to bring a packed lunch or
	sightseeing tour with a stop at Buckingham	purchase in Euston Station.
	Palace/ other sights for photos.	Students will be able to leave their luggage on
	Packed Lunch	the coach for the duration of the day.
13.30 pm	Science Museum- Self tour in small friendship groups. (Pupils will only be allowed to tour the museum	
	in friendship groups if behaviour is exemplary in school and during the trip).	
	Optional: They may want to change into a fresh top in the science museum before we dine and	
	head for the theatre.	
17.00 pm	Evening Meal at Pizza Express.	
19.30 pm	Performance of Wicked.	
22.30 pm	Show finishes, meet coach and transfer to hotel for check in.	

Thursday July 12 <sup>th</sup> 2018		
8-9.00am	Breakfast/ checkout/receive packed lunch.	
9.00 am	Transfer to the Southbank with more sightseeing en-route .	
11. 00 am	Flight on the London Eye	
12.50 pm	River Cruise London Eye Pier to Greenwich Pier	
13.30 pm	Packed Lunch provided or boys can purchase in local shops in Greenwich.	
14.00 pm	Time in Greenwich park area.	
16.00 pm	Meet coach and transfer to Euston – free time at station to get some tea/ food for train.	
18:07pm	Depart London Euston	
20:20pm	Arrive Liverpool South Parkway	

# What your son will need to bring:

As we are only away for one night the boys will not need to bring lots of clothes. I recommend the following:

- A change of top/clothes before we head into central London for dinner and the Wicked show. I recommend that the boys avoid wearing tracksuits for the Theatre please.
- A change of clothes for the second day.
- Trainers/comfortable footwear.
- A towel

- Toothpaste and toothbrush
- Toiletries including sun tan lotion.
- Phone charger (if needed).
- Any individual medication required.
- Jacket/Waterproof
- Small ruck sack to carry water and food.

# Money

The cost, which has already been paid in full, has covered the hotel and breakfast, the Wicked show, dinner at Pizza Express, the London Eye, Thames cruise and all travel.

I advise that your son brings a hearty packed lunch, with drinks, for when we arrive in London. Euston station also has many shops to buy anything else they may need.

In terms of spending money your son will be given a packed lunch on the second day however if he wants to buy more snacks while we are out and about there may be some opportunities at the South Bank, Science museum and at Greenwich.

There will be limited shopping opportunities — Science museum and Greenwich only. This is obviously up to the individual as I certainly do not want to add any further financial pressure. Can I stress that the only real cost now is for food and drinks on the Thursday evening en route home. I suggest the boys head for Home and Bargain and buy their treats before they leave!!

# **Sleeping Arrangements**

The hotel rooms will sleep three per room with two rooms sleeping two students. Students will be expected to stay in their own room at lights out and behave impeccably at all times.

#### Safety in London

As you know London is a very busy place, has been subject to some security matters in recent years. We will be travelling by train, coach, ferry and on foot. We will be staying together almost at all times. We will <u>not</u> be travelling by tube at any point. The students may be given some outdoor time in Greenwich park to play football within sight (weather permitting) and they can also enjoy the Science museum in minimum groups of 4. (subject to behaviour). Any students who prefer to remain with staff during the Museum activity are obviously free to do so. We will take regular head counts when we walk any short distance with staff members responsible for each group of 7.

# **Behaviour/Phones**

Can I take this time to stress that the behaviour of the students will be monitored and we expect impeccable conduct from all of the boys representing St Margaret's CE Academy away from our city. In addition to this I would expect the use of phones to be practical and respectful at all times.

# **Medical Information**

If you can now, please complete the pink medical form on the attached page and return it to Miss Smith or Miss Queen as soon as possible. Mr Bradfield -Smith is our designated first aider.

This is hopefully all of the information that you will need and if there is anything else you want to know please send me an email to csmith@stmargaretsacademy.com.

Yours faithfully

Caroline Smith Head of Music