

September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

GCSE Citizenship Lindon trip

I am writing to inform you about an upcoming educational trip to London for **Monday 3rd November 2025** as part of our GCSE Citizenship course. This experience will allow the students to explore significant national landmarks that play a pivotal role in understanding our democratic system, including the Houses of Parliament, the Royal Courts of Justice and an opportunity to see London from the London Eye.

The trip aims to enhance the students' knowledge of the UK's governance and legal processes, providing them with real-world context for their studies. By visiting the Houses of Parliament, the pupils will gain insights into the legislative process, whilst the Royal Courts of Justice will serve as an invaluable opportunity to visit, and the London Eye offers a unique perspective on our capital city, allowing our students to spot significant places of history and architecture.

We will be departing from school at **6:30 AM** and expect to return by approximately **6PM**. Students should wear full school uniform but can wear trainers as there will be a lot of walking involved. Please bring suitable coats for the time of year and weather. Students will also need to bring a packed lunch. If your child is currently entitled to free school meals, we can provide a packed lunch for this trip. Please click on this link to order your child's lunch: Packed Lunch. The deadline for ordering a packed lunch is **Friday 3rd October at 4pm.** All packed lunches can be collected from the canteen on the morning of the trip.

The cost of the trip is £24.00, which covers transportation and entrance fees to the various sites. If your child would like to attend, please log in to the Arbor app and provide your consent for your child to attend. If you are using a mobile phone to view the app, please turn your device to landscape and scroll to the bottom right of the page, select Trips and a new screen will show you the trip your child is being offered. Choose the trip and follow the details in order to provide consent. Online, via Arbor is our new method of payment and this has been set up for you to pay. The closing date is Friday 3rd October at 4pm. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium (or has been entitled to Free School Meals in the last 6 years), financial support may be available. In the first instance, please contact our Finance team at finance@noadswood.hants.sch.uk for further information.

We do reserve the right to not proceed with the trip if numbers are too low. In this instance, anyone who has already paid will be refunded in full. If this trip is oversubscribed, we will determine the places by a fair ballot and those who are unsuccessful will be refunded in full.

We take seriously our responsibility for the safety and welfare of our students at all times. This raises particular issues when students are involved in an activity off-site. Before taking students away from the school site, we carry out a thorough risk assessment and take all necessary measures to minimize risks including arranging appropriate levels of supervision by responsible adults. We expect that students involved in the activity will cooperate fully with the arrangements made and follow closely the instructions of the responsible adults

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throughout the activity. We therefore reserve the right to refuse a place on the trip to any students where there has been a behaviour concern previously.

Please could you check that your child's medical conditions are all up to date on Arbor before they go on this trip. To add new medical conditions, please go to Arbor and click on your child's profile, scroll down to the Medical Section and click on the +Add in the top righthand corner. Once finished, please click the update button. If you need to update what we already have on file, click on your child's profile and scroll down to the Medical Section. Click on the existing condition to update. Any submissions for medical conditions will take a few days to appear on Arbor as they will be reviewed by the medical team.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me via email at cblowers@noadswood.hants.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We look forward to an enlightening and enjoyable trip that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on our students.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Blowers

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