

4th May 2018

Our ref: CBN

Dear Students and Parents,

Re: A Level Sociology Visit: Thursday 24th May 2018, British Schools Museum, 41-42 Queen Street, Hitchin, Herts SG4 9TS

I would like to invite students to visit the British Schools Museum in Hitchin on Thursday 24th May. The visit will underpin our learning of the Education Unit and look at how education has evolved since the 18th Century.

Travel Arrangements and Itinerary

Students are required to travel independently directly to the museum in Hitchin (they do not need to come into school beforehand). From Hitchin Station, the museum is approximately a 10-minute walk away, or students may catch the bus from Stevenage Bus Station to Hitchin Town Centre where the museum is a 5-minute walk from the Town Centre. Students are to meet staff at 9.15 am. We will be given a guided tour of the schoolrooms plus an overview of the history of education and changing attitudes towards education from 1810 to the present day. There will be a demonstration of the Monitorial Method, also known as 'Mutual Instruction' which was based on the principle of abler pupils being used as 'helpers' to the teacher. The 1837 Monitorial Schoolroom is the only one of its kind left in the world at the BSM. We will visit the classrooms and look at school rules, how basic spelling was taught, reading at the wall and dictation, plus gender and discipline and education during World War One.

Cost

The Academy will be subsidizing most of the visit, however students will need to fund their own travel to and from the Museum. We strongly encourage students to attend as this particular workshop will help consolidate the learning we have been studying in class. Students should bring a packed lunch and money to purchase refreshments. After the workshop, students do not need to return to school and may make their own way home. Please ensure comfortable footwear and appropriate outerwear is worn. Please complete the reply slip at the foot of this letter and return it to the Sixth Form Office by Wednesday 9th May.

Medical Care

Students who require medication (inhalers, travel sickness tablets, etc.) please bring all necessary medication.

Behaviour

Please note that we are proud to be able to say that the conduct of our students on trips is always of a high standard and we are sure that this will be upheld on this visit too. As representatives of the Academy, students are expected to adhere to our code of conduct at all times and if any behaviour is deemed inappropriate during the trip, we will appreciate your support in dealing with the matter as required. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to telephone the Sixth Form Office on 01438 344341.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Brownjohn

Mrs Brownjohn - Teacher of A Level Sociology

REPLY SLIP - A Level Sociology Visit to British Schools Museum, Hitchin, Thursday 24th May 2018
Please return these slips to the sixth form office by Wednesday 9th May.

Name of student (please print)

Any medical conditions of which the Academy should be aware.....

Name and number of emergency contact.....

Date.....2018

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