

To Parents of Form IV and Form V
School trip to the Houses of Parliament

On Friday, 30th November Forms IV and V will be visiting the Houses of Parliament.

We shall be taking part in a Laws and Debating workshop run by the Parliament's Education Service. We'll start with a tour of the Palace of Westminster which might include: The House of Commons or House of Lords Chamber, the public gallery, Westminster Hall and the Central Lobby.

Our workshop will focus on how Parliament makes laws. We'll consider how the public, MPs, Peers and the monarch shape our laws. In particular, the workshop will focus on the debate stage in the making of a law. By participating in video analysis, we'll learn about successful debating techniques and Parliament's particular styles of discussion. The girls will then have the chance to put this into practice as they debate their own idea for a law.

The girls will be travelling by coach, leaving at 9.45am and returning at approximately 5 pm.

Each girl will need to bring their cagoule and enough water to last throughout the day. A packed lunch will be provided by the school kitchen and your daughter will have the opportunity to choose her sandwich filling beforehand.

The cost of this visit will be £12.50, which will be debited to your daughter's account. If we do not hear from you to the contrary by Friday 9th November, we shall assume that you give permission for your daughter to attend this trip.

We shall need two parent helpers for this trip. Please let me know if you would like to accompany us.

I am very much looking forward to this trip and hope that your daughter will enjoy the day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Knight
Head of PSHCE