

13th December 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer

I am pleased to be able to offer your Year 8 son/daughter the opportunity to visit Bristol on the creativity day which is arranged for the 14th Feb 2025.

In order for this trip to take place, we are requesting a voluntary contribution of £34.30. As per our Charging and Remissions Policy, this trip will only be able to go ahead if we are able to cover the costs of this trip through voluntary contributions. If your child is entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) their contribution can be covered.

You do not need to inform the school if you would like the PPG to be applied but please log in to SCOPAY to provide consent for the trip.

All of year 8 will be out of school for the creativity day to experience some Geography and History. Students will be visiting SS Great Britain, which is a fantastic museum ship - the largest passenger ship in the world from 1845 to 1854. She was designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, for the Great Western Steamship Company's transatlantic service between Bristol and New York City. This will support their learning of the industrial revolution which will be the next phase of their learning.

For the geographical focus, we will be investigating how successfully Bristol's harbourside has been regenerated. We will take a boat trip around the harbour to see the new developments which have been built and do environmental quality surveys at designated sites.

If we get an opportunity we will also take students to see Banksy's *Girl with a Pierced Ear,* which is situated behind SS Great Britain.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them and dress appropriately for a Feb day spent largely outside in an urban environment.

| When? | 14th Feb 2025 |
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| Where? | Bristol |
| Leaving school at: | 08.50 |
| To be collected from school at: | 4.30pm |
| School uniform: | No |
| Cost: | £34.30 |

Any Year 8 who selects not to come on the trip, will be expected to attend school on this day.

Along with payment, please complete the consent form, including entering contact details and any allergy/medical needs, via SCOPAY as detailed below.

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Please pay by credit or debit card via the school website or the SCOPAY app. **You will also give consent for the trip here**

- To do this you should go to http://langtreeschool.com and click on the SCOPAY icon on the front page. If you don't have your pupil link code contact finance who can give you the code. Alternatively you can download the app from your app store once you have an account set up
- You will be asked to give consent for your child to attend the trip on SCOPAY before you make the payment. Please add in your emergency contact details for the day of the trip and any allergies/medical needs, in the comments / optional note text box
- Pupils entitled to FSM: If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and you would like a packed lunch provided for an off-site trip, please email ithorburn@langtreeschool.com with the student's name and the applicable trip. Ideally, please do this at least 10 days before the trip
- If you have any queries or difficulties with payment, please contact the finance office at: finance@langtreeschool.com

As you may well be aware, the school has a twitter account which we use to provide updates to parents of all residential trips out of school. Please follow us @head4094 to receive important news bulletins from the trip leaders via twitter. Updates will also be posted on the school website.

Registering your child on this trip represents a commitment that they will take part in this trip. Trips require extensive planning, organisation and careful costing based on the number of students participating. It is not therefore possible for students to withdraw from a trip having previously made a commitment to take part. All monies paid are on a non refundable basis as long as the visit goes ahead.

The school reserves the right to withdraw students from a trip when there are concerns about behaviour, attendance or attitude. The full balance of the trip must be paid prior to the trip taking place.

All trips and visits involving students from Langtree School are always planned and risk assessed extremely carefully, in order to ensure the highest level of safety for our students as we possibly can.

While we will continue to offer learning in 'the outdoor classroom' as we always have done so at Langtree, I would want to assure parents that we have reviewed all of our arrangements accordingly and that we will do everything in our control to ensure that all students participating on a trip can do so with a sense of safety, confidence and enjoyment.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Nia Jarvis Head of Humanities