



13th November 2025

Dear Parent/ Carer

I am pleased to be able to offer your Year 11 son/daughter the opportunity to attend a curriculum visit to the Houses of Parliament and the UK Supreme Court in London which will take place on **Tuesday 13th January 2026**.

Our visit to the Houses of Parliament in the morning will be an invaluable opportunity for the students to witness democratic processes first hand and in practice. The students will be given a tour of both the House of Commons and the House of Lords and potentially will be witness to debates, decision-making, and how laws are passed, helping to enhance their existing knowledge on key topics such as representation, accountability, and the balance of power, all key components of both exam papers in the GCSE Citizenship syllabus. It is often possible to meet the school's local MP if they are in Parliament that day when the students will also have the opportunity to ask questions and learn even more about the roles and the responsibilities of an MP.

In the afternoon, the students will be given a tour of the UK Supreme Court, this will include an extensive 45 minute tour and the potential to sit in on some actual court cases that may be taking place on the day of their visit. They will also have the opportunity to walk around the Supreme Courts Exhibition Centre while they are visiting. A visit to the Supreme Court will give students the opportunity to see how justice is applied at the highest level in the UK. Observing how judges make decisions and learning about real cases that will help them understand important concepts such as the independence of the Judiciary and the principle of the rule of law — key parts of the AQA Citizenship course.

Please note that to ensure we arrive on time for our workshop and tour of the Houses of Parliament, we will need to leave the school no later than 7.00 AM on the morning of Tuesday 13th January. Students will need to ensure that they are at school for a prompt departure NO LATER THAN 6.45AM in order to give us time to get the students onto buses and ready to go. It will be a long day so students will need to ensure they have plenty of lunch, as well as some snacks, to keep them going throughout the day. We would expect to return at approximately 5.30pm. Please can students make sure they keep their phones charged so that if we are later or earlier than expected they will be able to keep you updated.

There will be 66 places available - Scopay will be open on line from 13/11/25 until 26/11/25. In the event that the trip is over subscribed, a ballot will be drawn with preference being given to students who missed out on a place on previous trips. Should you be unsuccessful in securing a place on the trip, you will receive a full refund.

In order for this visit to take place, we are requesting a voluntary contribution of £16.00. As per our Charging and Remissions Policy, this visit 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 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, including entering contact details and any allergy/medical needs.

When?	13th January
Where?	Houses of Parliament and The Supreme Court
Leaving school at:	07:00 AM
To be collected from school at:	17:30 PM
School uniform:	YES students should wear full school uniform for this trip.
Cost:	£16.00

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

Methods of payment and consent are as follows:

- *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 iithorburn@langtreeschool.com with the student's name and the applicable trip. Ideally, please can you do this 10 days before the trip*
- *If you have any queries or difficulties with payment, please contact the finance office at: finance@langtreeschool.com*

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 trip goes ahead.

The school reserves the right to withdraw students from a trip when there are concerns about behaviour, attendance or attitude. If booking a place on this trip please take a moment with your child to go to our website and look at our [Code of Conduct](#) for trips and visits. Booking a place on this trip implies agreement with this document.

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.

Langtree School uses Instagram to publish photos of school trips and updates. Please add us at langtree_oxfordshire 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

Alicia Godfrey
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