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Dear Parent/Carer

Legal London Day Trip - Royal Courts of Justice - Friday 3rd December 2021

I have arranged a visit to The Royal Courts of Justice for year 13 students of A level sociology and law. This will support and bring to life the students' study of the crime and deviance topic in sociology, and of the Criminal Justice System and the work of the courts for A level law.

The day will include a guided tour of The Royal Courts of Justice, Lincoln's Inn and the Old Bailey, followed by the opportunity to watch an afternoon session in one of the courts. Further details of the tour are available at: <https://old-bailey.com/legal-london-tour/> .

We think it is a good opportunity for students to practise travelling independently. Therefore, we ask that they pay for their own travel costs. The students will be travelling to London Victoria, departing from East Grinstead, on the 9.06am train. We recommend that they purchase an **adult off-peak return ticket to London stations** (allowing us to arrive at any London terminus; no Travelcard required), costing around £17.70.

I will meet students on the train at Hurst Green and Mr Roberts will join us in London. If students miss the train I cannot guarantee they will be able to join the tour! I plan for us to walk from Charing Cross station to the Royal Courts of Justice. We may walk back to Victoria at the end of the day if time and weather allows. Therefore, students should wear comfortable shoes and bring a waterproof coat.

Students should be aware that they will not be allowed to bring mobile phones, smart watches or large bags (eg rucksacks) into the Old Bailey while we are watching the trial in the afternoon. A small handbag is allowed. All larger bags and all mobile phones will have to be left in the safe-keeping of the nearby pub while we watch the trial – there is no storage available at the Old Bailey. Students should therefore keep bags and valuables to a minimum.

We aim for students to return to East Grinstead station around 6.00pm. However, the exact arrival time will depend upon the end time of the afternoon Court case.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £15.00, which will cover the cost of the tour and a non-alcoholic drink. I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless parents, who are able to, are willing to contribute.

Please make payment via Scopay by Friday 19th November 2021. If circumstances make it difficult to meet the voluntary contribution, please contact me at mporter@sackvilleschool.org.uk .

If your child would like to stay in London after the day's activities, please indicate this clearly on the parental consent form. Without permission being given in advance, I will assume they are returning to East Grinstead at the end of the day. I will escort the students onto an East Grinstead train from London and leave them to complete their journey home unsupervised when I get out at Hurst Green.



If you would like your child to take part in this event, please complete the parental consent form found here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUGI1XZ2XKdOhRO9WBU2PT30eKgKQk9Ao17hYSfZA6lv-EA/viewform> .

Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our website at http://www.sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/?page_id=26728 . **Peanuts or peanut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school visit.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this trip.

Yours sincerely

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