



LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Westminster – Monday 14th December 2026

We are pleased to be able to offer your daughter the opportunity to participate in the educational visit outlined overleaf.

The trip involves a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament including; a sit-down session with the Altrincham and Sale West MP - Connor Rand, attendance in the gallery of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, and a guided tour of the Supreme Court. We will have time late in the afternoon to visit the Christmas markets along the Thames near the London Eye. Students will travel down on the train from Manchester Piccadilly at 7.34am to London Euston. Students will return to Manchester Piccadilly on the same day at 9.19pm. Students may get on and off the train at Stockport station as long as they have let me know prior, although they may need to explain to the attendants at the ticket gate as we have a group ticket and could be charged to Piccadilly. Students need to be responsible for their arrival at Piccadilly station **promptly between 7.00-7.15am** at the latest, as we will not wait for late students. A packed lunch will be needed and money for an evening meal. Students need to be in full sixth form dress, as we will be representing the school at Westminster. The cost of the trip is £62 and students are also required to bring either a contactless card or Oyster card for travel in London, we estimate that students will need at least £11 for the use of the London Underground. The trip should be an enriching experience for students and allow them to see how democracy works in the UK.

In compliance with the Education Act of 1996 all curriculum-based visits during school time are funded on a voluntary contribution basis. No student will be excluded from the activity or treated differently because they do not make a contribution, however if voluntary contributions are not sufficient then it may be that the planned activity or trip cannot go ahead. By giving consent for your child to attend this trip we will assume that the full amount of the voluntary contribution will be made, unless we hear from you to the contrary.

We do expect high standards of behaviour from students both when they are in School and when they are taking part in trips and activities. Please be aware that if your daughter's behaviour does not meet these expectations, her place on the trip or activity may be at risk. It is important to note that if your daughter does not attend School the day after a trip returns, this could impact on her securing a place on a future trip.

Consent must be given, and payment made via the school's online payment system **Scopay**. It is imperative that consent is given by Tuesday 20th October. If we do not receive consent by this date your daughter will not be able to attend the trip. If you need any assistance accessing your online account, please contact our Finance department.

Be such as you appear and appear such as you are – Mary Ward

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If your child is eligible the 16-19 Bursary and you would like support with the cost of this trip, please contact the Finance Department.

If you have any queries regarding the specific trip details, please contact me at School.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'T. F. Martin'.

Mr Martin
Teacher of Government & Politics and Trip Leader



Trip Details

Visit Name and Location

Westminster Houses of Parliament

Date and Time

*Monday 14th December
7am – 9.19pm*

Trip leader

Mr Martin

Mode of transport

Train and London Underground

Cost of Trip

£62

To be received by Tuesday 20th October

*[This trip will take place in accordance with Department for Education guidelines.
Should the trip be cancelled a small deduction will be made from any refunded monies to cover administration charges]*