



MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE, BIRMINGHAM

**FRIDAY 2nd MARCH – SUNDAY 4th
MARCH 2018**

Year 12 & 13 students

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As I am sure you are aware your son/daughter has volunteered to take part in the hugely prestigious Model United Nations Conference as a delegate, along with hundreds of other students from around the region. The event recreates the conditions United Nations world leaders face when they take part in summits around the globe and is formally recognised as one of the best opportunities for young people to engage in issues impacting countries around the world. Indeed the Model United Nations has been influential in policy making on the full UN platform and has run parallel with the organisation since its inception in 1945.

The Model United Nations Conference is held in Joseph Chamberlain College in Birmingham. It runs from **Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th March** and involves each student being part of a number of different activities across the 3 day period. Each student is part of a 6 person team that will be representing either Bangladesh or Iceland at the conference.

The schedule for the residential trip is as follows:

Friday 2 March:

- Students leave school at 11am via minibus to take them to JCC in Birmingham.
- Upon arrival they will ready themselves for an afternoon of 'lobbying' the other delegates, meeting other students, discussing issues and trying to gain support for their proposals.
- They will hear a keynote opening address from former Labour 'spindoctor' Alistair Campbell.
- They will be transported by minibus to their accommodation at the Premier Inn, Waterloo Street, Birmingham before having an evening meal.

Saturday 3 March:

- The day involves students attending committee sessions, discussing resolutions and voting on proposals.
- They will be transported by minibus to their accommodation at the Premier Inn, Waterloo Street, Birmingham before having an evening meal.

Sunday 4 March:

- Students will depart the hotel with their belongings and attend the final day at the conference.
- They will hear from the leading countries in attendance – The Security Council – and the delegates will vote on outstanding resolutions.

The Polesworth School

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- At 4pm the Conference will close with a final key note address.
- Students will be transported by minibus to Birmingham New Street Station from where parents can either collect them or if you are happy for them to catch the train themselves then please complete and return the permission slip below.

Clearly this is a rare opportunity for students to experience the process of international affairs and to meet and interact with a wide variety of students from many different schools. Each student has worked hard to research their country, topic area and collectively produce a resolution that will be voted upon by their peers.

The cost of the trip is £109.00 which covers the student’s transportation and accommodation across the 3 days of the event. We have been able to acquire a waiver on the entry fee to reduce costs.

Students will require money to purchase all meals.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this visit, you can now pay online, using your Parent Pay log in details. Please ensure that you have completed a medical form for this academic year by following the link through your MyChild account as we cannot accept your son/daughter onto the trip without one. **Please pay by Friday 16th February 2018.**

Parents should be aware that they may lose money if their son/daughter withdraws from the visit. In the event of any students withdrawing from this visit, we will make every effort to refund any monies paid. However, this repayment is dependent upon the visit balance being in credit on completion of the visit. No refund will be given until after the visit’s completion. No money will be committed from school funds.

If you have any queries regarding this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Caldwell
Head of History

PERMISSION SLIP

Students Name: Tutor Group

*** I would like my son/daughter to travel home from New Street Station, Birmingham on Sunday 4th March 2018.**

*** I will collect my son/daughter from New Street Station, Birmingham on Sunday 4th March 2018.**

(please delete as necessary)

Parents Name: Signature: