

5th December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Debate Competition

Following on from last week's debate in school, I am pleased to invite your child to the Palace of Westminster (Committee Room 10) on Thursday 13th December 2018 at 18:00. This invitation is for all students who have been involved, with two students actually participating in the debate. The motions of these debates are that *"That this house believes that referendums are a good way of making political decisions"* and *"That this house believes that the use of mobile phones and tablets should be permitted in the classroom"*. We are honoured that the debate will be judged by the Head of Criminal Justice, Lord Leveson.

Travel to and from the event will be by train. We will leave college around 14:00 to get the 14:47 train and aim to be back at college around 22:55 having taken the 21:39 train. Please arrange to collect your child from college upon our return. Students will be accompanied at all times by Mr Kieran Burke and another member of college staff.

In order for this visit to take place, we ask you to make a total contribution of the full cost of £37. Although such contribution is voluntary, in reality we have no alternative source of funding. If sufficient contributions are not received to make the visits financially viable they will be cancelled and all contributions will be refunded. In cases of financial hardship, any requests for the contribution to be waived will be treated sympathetically; please contact the Principal in writing. If you qualify for Pupil Premium Grant support, are still in receipt of free school meals, and would like to apply to access some of this funding towards this trip, please tick the relevant box on the reply slip. As these are educational visits and are taking place in school hours, we are not permitted by law (Education Act 1996) to exclude from such a visit a student of parents choosing not to contribute to the cost.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to view the political process in action and to interact with students from neighbouring schools. Long term, this event will be a significant milestone in both their education and their childhood.

Please complete and return the slip below, indicating whether or not you give permission for your child to take part in this event. Should you require any further information, please contact Mr Burke at: kburke@elycollege.co.uk

Yours faithfully



Richard Spencer
Principal



To: Palace of Westminster – Thursday 13th December 2018

Student's Name

Form

- I give permission / do not give permission for my child to take part in the trip to the Palace of Westminster as detailed above.
- I have paid online, via Wisepay, £37 towards the cost of this trip.
- I enclose a cheque made payable to Ely College in the sum of £37 towards the cost of this trip.
- My child qualifies for Pupil Premium Grant support, is still in receipt of free school meals, and would like to apply to access some of this funding towards the trip.

My emergency phone number

Signed (Parent/Carer)

Date

Parent/Carer Name (print)

Please return this slip to the Finance Office.