

KEC/srh  
15 December 2017

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

**Trip No: 4066 - Optional Residential Overseas Trip Out of School Time  
Years 7 8 and 9 Trip to China from 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

The MFL department is delighted to announce an inaugural trip to China during the 2019 Easter holidays, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019. We would like to invite your son/daughter to participate in this action packed educational and cultural adventure. This trip will be run by Equity, a leading educational travel specialist in the UK in conjunction with the school.

Over the course of this six nights, eight days trip we will visit Beijing and X'ian, touring historic sights which include the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Terracotta Warriors, the Temple of Heaven and the Birds Nest Stadium (the site of the 2008 Summer Olympics). We will also take part in a range of cultural activities, including a traditional Chinese tea ceremony, a calligraphy experience and mandarin language lessons. During the trip our guide will choose local restaurants to ensure that we try a range of traditional Chinese dishes and immerse ourselves in Chinese culture.

The total cost of the trip will be £1,630.00 which, after an initial deposit of £275.00, will then be payable in instalments as follows:

<b>Instalment</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>To be paid by</b>
Deposit	£275.00	Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2018
2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment	£275.00	Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2018
3 <sup>rd</sup> Instalment	£275.00	Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018
4 <sup>th</sup> Instalment	£275.00	Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
5 <sup>th</sup> Instalment	£275.00	Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Final Instalment	£255.00	Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2018

The total price is inclusive of:

- Return flights from London to Beijing with checked luggage allowance
- Airport transfers to and from The John Warner School and Heathrow Airport
- All transportation costs and inter-city transfers within China
- Four nights' hotel accommodation and two nights overnight train travel in four berth sleeper cabins
- All meals
- All activities and entrance fees
- English speaking local guides for the duration of the trip
- Tipping for local guides and drivers
- The cost of a group visa to enter China
- Fully comprehensive travel and medical insurance

Please note that as we fill places on this trip there is a possibility that the final price may increase, this would be due to circumstances beyond our control, for example, ensuring equal gender distribution in cabins on the overnight trains. This is something that we will establish once we have a list of those travelling.

All pupils going on the trip would be advised to and are very welcome to attend after school beginner's Mandarin club on Wednesdays to learn some basic Mandarin in preparation for our trip to China. As there are a limited number of places available we reserve preference to those pupils who already attend Mandarin club.

### **Chinese Visas**

We will apply for a Chinese group tourism visa three months before the departure date. Please make sure your son/daughter has a passport and it is valid for at least six months after the departure date (expiry date not before November 2019).

As this trip is overseas, all pupils will need their own up-to-date passport<sup>1</sup>.

If you would like your son/daughter to go on this optional trip, **please complete the [consent and payment form](#) which is available on the school's website** or return the slip attached to this letter indicating your preferred method of payment by Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018p. Please note that all trips will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis, places will not be confirmed until your payment is received, and therefore we recommend that you respond as soon as possible. All cancellations must be provided in writing to the Finance Office. You will be liable for all costs incurred by the school up to the point of cancellation.

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<sup>1</sup> Some countries have an immigration requirement for a passport to remain valid for a minimum period (usually at least six months) beyond the date of entry to the country. Therefore please can you ensure your passport is in good condition and valid for at least 6 months at the date of your return. This is a requirement of the country concerned, not the UK Passport Service. Any questions should be addressed to their Consulate or Embassy.

Please be aware that the school reserve the right to refuse a place on this trip for any pupil whose attendance falls below the acceptable level and/or their behaviour has been a cause for concern. In line with our School Trips Policy, if there is a need to contact your child while they are out of school, please phone Mrs Sally Pringle on 07938 225451 or Mr Oliver Price on 07925019743.

Yours faithfully

**Miss K Corken**

Teacher of French and German  
Co-ordinator for Oriental Studies

**Mrs G Knights**

Assistant Head: Director of Finance &  
Resources

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## Reply Slip

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If you wish to complete this reply slip electronically, then please complete the [consent and payment form](#) available to download from the school's website.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child suffer from any medical conditions?  Yes  No

Will this medical condition affect them taking part in the activities?  Yes  No

If yes, please give details including treatment that they currently receive for this/these medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enter any known allergies to drugs, medicines or food and/or special dietary requirements:

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Has your child been immunised against tetanus?  Yes  No

**Please provide us with two emergency contact numbers:**

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

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**For overseas visits only, please confirm that you have included:**

Copy of Passport included  Yes  No

### **Declaration**

I agree to my child taking part in the above mentioned visit and to their participation in the activities to be undertaken during the day. I support the need for obedience and responsible behaviour on their part.

To the best of my knowledge, my child is not suffering from any medical condition that makes them unfit to participate in this visit. I agree to my child receiving medical treatment as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.

**Payment Method – £275.00 Non Refundable Deposit due by Wednesday, 31st January 2018**

<input type="checkbox"/> Wise Pay (via Internet) <sup>1</sup> Preferred payment method	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque <sup>2</sup> Cheques payable to The John Warner School	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <sup>2</sup>
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<sup>1</sup> If Wise Pay is showing that the trip is full, please contact the Finance department in the first instance. If you wish to pay by Debit or Credit card directly rather than through Wise Pay, then please contact the Finance Department.

<sup>2</sup> If paying by cash or cheque, please put your payment in an envelope which should be labelled with the name of the trip, your child's name, form and the amount enclosed. We would appreciate your cooperation by requesting that your child places the response slip in the trips box, which is located at Student Services.

All outstanding payments must be with the school a minimum of four weeks prior to the start date of the trip unless an earlier payment date is stated on the original letter.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent / Carer**