



Thursday 3rd September 2026

Ref: Year 8 Educational Visit to the Houses of Parliament

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am delighted to offer our Year 8 STEPS students an exciting opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament in London. Due to the popularity of this trip in previous years, we will be running it on two separate dates:

- X Band: Wednesday 4 November
- Y Band: Wednesday 18 November

The visit will involve a guided tour and workshop at the Houses of Parliament. This experience will support students' learning in their upcoming Government and Politics topic in STEPS, which they will study after Christmas. The trip is particularly suitable for students who are interested in studying GCSE Citizenship (Politics) in the future.

The cost of the trip is **£32**, which includes all entry fees and coach travel to and from the academy.

Students will be required to wear full school uniform and bring a packed lunch. There may be an opportunity to purchase souvenirs; however, this cannot be guaranteed. Students who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch by the academy.

The coach will depart from the academy at **5:45am** and is expected to return at approximately **3:15pm**.

If your child would like to be considered for this trip, please complete the online Microsoft Form by Friday 18th September. Please note that submitting the form does not guarantee a place on the visit. There are 33 places available on each date. If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated based on students' attendance and behaviour record.

Once places have been allocated and confirmed, payment of **£32** can be made via MCAS.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Mackie

Personal Development Curriculum Lead and Educational Visits Co-ordinator

