



# Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers

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## A-Level Sociology trip to the Royal Courts of Justice and The Clink Prison Museum

As part of the AQA A-Level Sociology course students are required to learn about the Criminal Justice System. Students learn about crime control, surveillance, prevention and punishment, victims, and the role of the criminal justice system and other agencies. I am therefore organising a day trip to visit the Royal Courts of Justice in Westminster, a court building which houses the High Court and Court of Appeal of England and Wales, and the Clink Prison museum near London Bridge.

The trip will involve a guided tour of both locations. At the Royal Courts of Justice the group will hear all about the architecture and fascinating history of the building as well as about the courts' stunning rooms which appear the same today as when Queen Victoria opened the building, hear about the judicial characters that appear in court and how the High Court fits into the UK Justice System.

In the afternoon, at the Clink Prison museum, students will have the unique opportunity to learn about social, religious and historical issues relating to The Clink Prison and London's Bankside. Many of these issues and events relating to The Clink Prison don't only represent regional importance but national and international significance. When visiting The Clink Prison Museum, students will have the opportunity to handle original historical artefacts relating to crime and punishment.

The cost of this trip will be £27 along with the cost of a train ticket which is the students' responsibility to purchase on the day. 16-19 Bursary Students will automatically receive a 50% discount for this trip, please speak to your teacher regarding help with purchasing your train ticket. We will also have the opportunity to stop for lunch at Borough Market. If students wish to purchase food there they will need to bring cash/their card. If not, please bring your own food and/or snacks.

Please make the £27 Wisepay payment by Tuesday the 17th of January. Guest students can pay by cheque payable to Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School or present cash in person and ask for a receipt. We cannot be held responsible for loss of cash for which no receipt has been given.

Students need to make their way to Hatfield train station for approximately 9.00am on Tuesday the 7th of February. We will return to Hatfield train station at approximately 4.00pm. Some students have asked whether they could stay in London following the visit. Please also indicate on the reply slip below whether you give permission for your child to stay in London or return to Hatfield with the group.

Yours sincerely  
Miss H. Ferguson

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Teacher of Sociology & Humanities

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**REPLY SLIP: Please return to Miss H. Ferguson by Tuesday the 24th of January**

- I give permission for my child to attend the Sociology courts and prison trip on the 7th of February 2022
  
- I do give permission for my child to remain in London following the visit.

Signed:

Name of student:

Date: