

7 January 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

CHINA TRIP 2020 – 15/02/2020 – 22/02/2020

You will be pleased to hear that the school is running a trip to **China in February 2020**. This has been a hugely popular trip in the past and is a great experience for those that take part. The trip is an 8 day tour and is open to all pupils in **Years 9 & 10 from September 2019, although places are limited**. The sites we will be visiting include the world famous Forbidden City of the Chinese Emperors, Tiananmen Square, the Tombs of the Ming Emperors and, of course, a walk on the Great Wall of China. In Shanghai we will get a chance to visit the Shanghai Centre Tower standing at 632m 128 stories tall, The Bund and the Jade Buddha Temple as well as a chance to see a Chinese Acrobatic show, take part in a calligraphy lesson and also do some Chinese cooking. Details of the provisional itinerary are as follows:

Provisional Itinerary – China 2020

Feb 15: Meet your coach at school and transfer to London airport for overnight flight to China.
(*No Included meals*)

Feb 16: Arrive Shanghai. Meet your guide and transfer to hotel by maglev train. Jade Buddha Temple, Yu Garden, Bund.
Overnight in Shanghai. (*Lunch/Dinner*)

Feb 17: Shanghai Centre Tower, Tianzifang, French Concession area and artist enclave.
Calligraphy lesson, Cookery Lesson, Huangpu River cruise.
Overnight in Shanghai. (*Breakfast/Subway lunch/Dinner*)

Feb 18: Nanjing Road, G150 bullet train to Beijing (16:05-22:00).
(*Breakfast/Lunch/McDonald's dinner box*)

Feb 19: Temple of Heaven, Hutong rickshaw ride with local family visit, tea ceremony.
Overnight in Beijing. (*Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner*)

Feb 20: Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Summer Palace, Kung Fu Show.
Overnight in Beijing. (*Breakfast/Lunch/KFC Dinner*)

Feb 21: Great wall at Juyongguan Section, Silk Street
Overnight in Beijing. (*Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner*)

Feb 22: Transfer to airport for flight to UK
On arrival in UK, meet coach and transfer back to school (*Breakfast*)

There will be plenty of time to gain valuable insights into the culture of this great nation. We will be visiting several markets and shopping areas where haggling can result in great bargains, especially with designer wear! Travel between Shanghai and Beijing will be on the Bullet Train.

The cost of the trip will be approximately **£1620** which includes all excursions, entrance fees, travel from the UK and in China, Chinese Visa (restrictions apply depending upon the country of issue of your son's passport if not the UK) and accommodation in 3* hotels. Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day are also included in the price which makes the cost excellent value for money.

If you wish your son to be considered for a place on the trip please return the attached slip indicating your son's interest to Student Services for the attention of Mr Loughney by Friday

25th January 2019. Places on the trip are limited and as it has been incredibly popular in recent years, places will be allocated strictly on a first come, first served basis. Places on the trip will be confirmed in writing by Tuesday 5th February and a payment instruction will be set up in Parent Pay. The initial deposit of £120 should be paid by Friday 15th February in order to secure the place on the trip. If the deposit is not made by this date, then the opportunity may be offered to another student. Subsequent payments will also be able to be made via Parent Pay.

Students who are not lucky enough to get a place on the trip will be kept on a waiting list in the event that anyone subsequently drop out. There will also be a parent information evening to answer any questions you may have and to give more details about the trip itinerary for those who have been offered a place on the trip. This will take place in Term 4, **date to be confirmed**. If there are any questions you would like to ask before the closing date, please feel free to email me at school on ploughney@nsb.northants.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P Loughney', written in a cursive style.

P Loughney
Trip Leader - China 2020

Reply Slip – China 2020 to Student Services for the attention of Mr P Loughney

I would like my son: _____ (Print please) Form: _____

to take part in this trip. I understand places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and that once offered a place, agree to pay the deposit of £120 by Friday 15th February, 2019 in order to secure the place.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _____