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14 November 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

CHINA TRIP 2018 – 09/02/2018 – 17/02/2018

You will be pleased to hear that the school is running a trip to **China in February 2018**. This has been a hugely popular trip in the past and is a great experience for those that take part. The trip is a 9 day tour and is open to all pupils in **Years 9 & 10 from September 2017**. 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 Nanjing we will visit the memorial to Dr Sun and the Purple Mountain area. In Shanghai we will get a chance to visit the Oriental Pearl TV Tower, The Bund and the Jade Buddha Temple as well as a chance to see a Chinese Acrobatic show. Details of the proposed itinerary and further information can be found on the school website.

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 Beijing and Nanjing will be on the overnight sleeper train, and on the Bullet Train between Nanjing and Souzhou, just outside Shanghai.

The cost of the trip will be approximately £1570 which includes all excursions, entrance fees, travel from the UK and in China, Chinese Visa* (restrictions apply depending upon the country of issue of the 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 with a non-returnable deposit of **£100** by **Friday 09/12/16**. Places on the trip are limited and as it has been incredibly popular in recent years, places will be given strictly on a first come first served basis. A suggested payment schedule will be sent out at the end of Term 2 when places on the trip will be confirmed. There will also be a parent information evening to answer any questions you may have and to give more details about the trip itinerary. This will take place in January 2017, 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



P Loughney
China Trip Leader

Reply Slip – China 2018

I/We* would like my/our*son Name): _____ Form: _____
to take part in this trip and am enclosing a non-returnable deposit of £100 (cheques to be made payable to Northampton School *for Boys*). I/We* understand places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please write your son's name, form and China 2018 on the reverse of the cheque.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date _____
(*Please delete as necessary)