



THE PRIORY ACADEMY

LSST

Dear Parents/Carers

23rd January 2019

I would like to invite your child to take part in an exchange trip to Prague. Many opportunities for broadening the experience of our students at The Priory Academy LSST come from the links we have developed over many years with other education institutions all over the country and around the world. One such link is with a school in Prague, in the Czech Republic. Each year a group of about 20 students, usually from Year 8, take part in an exchange trip with a similar number of students from Years 8 and 9 of PORG School. This has always proven to be a tremendous experience for those involved, as they learn about a very different country, with a unique culture and distinctive education system. The personal growth in self-reliance, confidence and independence that results from the whole experience adds up to a great opportunity for those students who are lucky enough to take part. In addition to the cultural aspects of the exchange, we will be taking part in a joint Mathematics Challenge with our PORG colleagues, with a wide-ranging problem-solving competition over two rounds, one in Lincoln and one in Prague. This will give everyone involved the chance to work closely with their exchange student while developing their own skills in mathematics.

The Priory students selected to be involved will be responsible for hosting a Czech student, with whom they will be in touch beforehand, provisionally arranged for Monday 18th March until Monday 25th March 2019; transport to and from the airport will be organised, so students will only need to be collected from the Academy. For the majority of their stay, your child will attend their own lessons as usual, with a day set aside for the Lincoln round of the Challenge. The Czech teachers know Lincoln well and will be leading a number of local excursions with their students during the academy day. It would also be agreeable if you, as hosts, could arrange one or two interesting and enjoyable activities for your guest over the weekend. There will be a follow-up letter nearer the time with further information and an itinerary.

With regard to our return visit to Prague, we cannot confirm for definite until we can book the flights, but it is likely to take place from Friday 26th April to Friday 3rd May. This will be an opportunity for your child to receive the same level of hospitality from their Czech friend and family, as well as engaging in a variety of academy and city-based activities, including the second round of the Challenge.

The cost of the trip is £273.95. This will include return flights, transport to and from the airports in both England and Prague, all local transport in Prague and admission fees to cultural sites such as Prague Castle, Clock Tower, and museums such as the National Technological Museum.

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As there are a limited number of places available on the visit and you wish for your child to be considered then please complete the reply slip below. Replies should be taken to Student Reception by 28th January 2019. Places will be allocated by a random computerised draw. However, those students who do not receive a place on this trip will be monitored in terms of other visits taking place during the year. Replies will not be accepted if they arrive after the deadline or through any other method. Please advise your child to hand their reply in personally and not to pass it on to one of their friends.

Once places have been allocated on the trip, students will be informed and you will receive a further letter requesting payment and a loco parentis and consent form will be issued to be returned to the Academy. A payment plan will be outlined in the letter, detailing deadlines for the deposit and remaining balances.

Please note that all students must have a valid EHIC card and will be required to travel on their own passport. Please note that it is advised that students do not travel if the expiry date on their passport falls within 6 months after the date of travel.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy if you wish to discuss any aspect of this visit.

Yours faithfully

Dr D Wenman
Mathematics Teacher
Visit Leader

I, parent/carer of give permission for my child to participate in the Prague exchange trip.

I understand that this will require the hosting of a Czech student from Monday 18th March until Monday 25th March.

I am aware that my child will need a valid EHIC card and their own passport with an expiry date of at least 6 months after the date of travel.

Signed.....

Date.....

Print name.....