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From Head of Economics and Business: Mr N Fieldhouse

25 September 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian

***Lower Sixth Economics and Business Trip to Brussels
Tuesday 16 February – Saturday 20 February 2016***

The Economics and Business Department at Abingdon are delighted to announce that we will be running a trip to Brussels during Lent half-term next year. The trip will run between Tuesday 16 February and Saturday 20 February 2016. Precise timings are to be confirmed.

Students studying Economics or Business in the Lower Sixth are invited on this educational trip. As the European capital of Politics and Business, Brussels is one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities. It is home to both the European Union and NATO, as well as a wealth of international trade and financial institutions. This economic diversity makes it a great destination for Economics and Business students.

We will be travelling to Brussels by coach from Abingdon School and staying at the centrally located 3 star Ibis Brussels Centre St Catherine for 4 nights. Included in the price of this trip will be the following:

- National Bank of Belgium Guided Tour
- 2 hour programme at the European Commission
- Entrance to the European Parliament
- Parliamentarium visit and role play workshop
- Visit to the Coca Cola Factory in Antwerp
- Visit to the Port of Antwerp
- Entrance, guided tour and chocolate making workshop at Chocolatiere Duval
- Visit to the ECover factory (an ecological factory)
- Day trip to Bruges
- Guided tour of the Brewery De Halve Maan in Bruges
- Visit to the Atomium in Brussels
- Time to explore the beautiful city centres and old towns of both Brussels and Bruges
- Return executive coach travel from Abingdon School to Brussels
- All other travel arrangements
- 4 nights accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis at Ibis Brussels Centre St Catherine
- Travel insurance

Breakfast will be provided in the hotel each morning; however, students will need to bring enough money to cover all other meals, as well as snacks and purchases they wish to make. I feel that this freedom with dining options will give students a chance to sample the local cuisine in the evening of their own accord.

There will be some unsupervised time during the visit and we will, of course, expect students to behave impeccably at all times.

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The total cost of this trip will be **£599 per student, which is based on a group size of 30 students.** If we receive less interest than this, the price of the trip may increase and I will write to inform you of the new price.

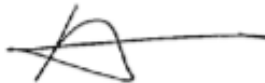
If you would like your son to go on this trip, please return the consent slip below and pay a non-refundable deposit of £100 by cheque (made payable to Abingdon School) by **Friday 2 October. This should be returned to me.** The remainder of the balance (£499) will be charged to your Lent Term bill. Please note that in the unlikely event that the price of the trip were to change and you decide that you are not happy with the new price, then your deposit will be returned in full.

Please note that by completing the consent form (providing the trip proceeds) you are committing to the total cost of this trip. The non refundable deposit secures your son's place, but thereafter the School will proceed to make bookings and reservations to procure the best possible deals. The payment arrangements offered are a means of spreading the cost rather than a reflection of when liabilities are incurred.

Places on this trip are limited and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis. A reserve list will be created when all places have been filled.

If you have any questions regarding this visit please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N Fieldhouse', written over a horizontal line.

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