



US Politics Conference, London

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to invite your child, an A Level Politics student, to attend a one-day conference on 'US Politics Today'.

This event will be held on **Friday 7th November** at The British Library Knowledge Centre, London and runs from 10:30 -15:30. This promises to be a superb event for our students as it includes both leading academics as guest speakers and former Members of Congress. The programme also covers important aspects of the A Level specification including the US Supreme Court, US elections, the US Presidency and Congress.

This educational visit is not a compulsory part of the school syllabus and is offered as an optional extra intended to complement the students' formal curriculum. It is a highly popular event, and tickets are awarded to schools through a ballot. I have secured 10 student tickets for the whole class. This means that numbers are restricted. If, by the deadline of **Wednesday 15th October**, there are more than 10 students who would like to attend, I will draw names from a hat to choose participants. For those students who were unable to secure tickets to participate in person, I have arranged for them to have access to the event online.

Students will be travelling independently and will also need to purchase their own train/tube ticket for the day. Where Sixth Form students are entitled to 16-19 Bursary, we ask that the students make the payments out of the money received from the bursary.

Within the guidelines for educational visits produced by Buckinghamshire County Council and adopted by our Trustees, it states that there are some visits that may be deemed (by the Headteacher) to be within the normal expectation for individual or small groups of sixth form students to undertake unaccompanied. This educational visit is deemed to be in this category.

It is, however, our duty to remind you of the risks associated with travelling independently to conference venues and that accidents may still happen whilst at the venue and on route. The students have been fully briefed about the potential risks and expectations of the school in terms of behaviour and attendance at all the appropriate sections of the event. We recommend that your daughter arranges to travel to and from the venue in a small group and have a mobile phone to communicate with you and the school in case of any problems.

If you are happy for your child to attend this educational visit, please complete the form [HERE](#) by **15:30 Wednesday 15th October**.

Yours faithfully,

Victoria Williams
Head of Politics