



Church of England School  
Head of School: Mrs N J Adamson MA NPQH

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Year 12 Sociology Trip to The Old Bailey**

As part of the A Level Sociology course, students are required to understand the causes of crime and how the criminal justice system works. They also need to be able to understand how Sociologists can research aspects of the criminal justice system and what the potential strengths and limitations of the different research methods are. For these reasons, we are pleased to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to take part in a visit to The Old Bailey.

The visit will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 from 9.00am to 2.30pm. The visit is completely voluntary. However we believe that this will be a valuable addition to your son/daughter's understanding of how criminal justice operates in the UK.

The visit to The Old Bailey is free. However, please ensure that your son/daughter has sufficient funds on their oyster card to facilitate the journey.

All students are encouraged to travel by Tube to St Paul's underground station. If you would like your son/daughter to travel with a member of staff they will need to meet Mr Wellstead at 8.15am at South Ruislip station. Please indicate on the attached reply slip which option your son/daughter will be taking. We envisage arriving back in Ruislip no later than 2.30pm. We will need to meet as a group at St Paul's station no later than **9.00am**. Students are expected to wear smart attire, appropriate for entering the court.

The schedule for the day once we arrive is as follows:

Meet at St Paul's station at 9.00am. Walk to The Old Bailey. The court opens for its morning session at 9.55am when visitors can take their pick of criminal cases in session. Entry to The Old Bailey is on a first come first served basis; therefore we aim to be there at least 30 minutes early to join the queue. The Old Bailey courts rise at 12:40pm, we will have 30 minutes for lunch and then travel home.

Due to numbers, when we enter The Old Bailey we will need to go into a number of different courts which means your son/daughter may not be supervised by a member of staff.

**Please Note: The Old Bailey is a high security court and mobile phones, cameras, food, drink, rucksacks and MP3 players are not allowed in. There is a travel agent and a newsagent that both offer a service looking after these items for a small fee. But it is obviously best to have as few items as possible.**



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Students should bring with them any required medication; asthma inhalers, epipens, etc. Mobile phones and any other items of value can be taken but students do so at their own risk (please see above paragraph regarding items taken).

All students who travel as part of a group represent Bishop Ramsey School, therefore the highest standards of behaviour and conduct are expected as a matter of course.

Please complete and return the reply slip below to Mr Wellstead by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019**. **Please note that places are limited and will be issued on a first-come-first-serve basis on receipt of the completed reply slip.**

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [rwellstead@bishopramsey.school](mailto:rwellstead@bishopramsey.school)

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'R' and 'W' in a cursive style, followed by a period.

**Mr R Wellstead**  
**Head of Sociology**

**The Old Bailey – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Please complete and return to Mr Wellstead in the Sociology Office  
By Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the above trip.

I have checked my son/daughter's medical details on Parent Portal and confirm that the details are correct and up-to-date. I agree to inform you of any changes between now and the trip.

I consent to my son/daughter being given a mild painkiller (eg. Paracetamol) if considered necessary by the Party Leader.

I give my permission for my son/daughter to receive medical treatment in an emergency situation if as parent/carer I cannot be contacted.

I understand that if my child's behaviour in school is not acceptable then he/she may be withdrawn from the trip

**Please tick one of the following:**

• I give permission for my son/daughter to travel independently to and from the venue.

• I would like my son/daughter to travel to and from the venue with a member of staff

Parent/carer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_