

LONDON RESIDENTIAL ITINERARY

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Dear Parents and Carers

London 2022- Residential- 20th-22nd June 2022

We have almost finalised the arrangements for London and we are very excited to share with you the itinerary.

Monday 20th June

Depart Eggesford Station on the 9.01am train arriving in London, via Exeter, at 12.29pm. Please can parents drop children at Eggesford station for 8.30am. Children will need to bring a packed lunch which will be eaten on the train. This should include a refillable water bottle.

We will take the tube from Paddington to Westminster, exiting in the centre of London to walk across the bridge to the London Eye where we will 'take flight'! https://www.londoneye.com/

Walking back across the bridge, we will take in the sights and sounds of Westminster arriving at The Houses of Parliament at 3.30pm for our interactive workshop and tour. https://learning.parliament.uk/en/visit-us/uk-parliament-education-centre/

After our tour of Parliament, we will walk up through Trafalgar Square, Leicester Square and on to Shaftsbury Avenue to go to dinner at the world famous Rain Forest Café (now known as Jungle Cave). https://www.therainforestcafe.co.uk/

After eating, we will head up to Piccadilly Circus and take the tube to Earls Court and walk a few minutes to our youth hostel. https://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-london-earls-court

Rooms will be allocated to us nearer the time and teachers will place children in rooms where they are with their friends and also will get some rest! This will not be shared until arrival at the hostel when we allocate rooms. Girls and boys are separate and teachers will be in rooms dispersed between.

Tuesday 21st June

Get up and have breakfast. The youth hostel provides an amazing spread of food, unlimited, but they do ask that children only take what they know they can eat. We encourage children to drink and eat as much as possible to ensure they have enough energy for the day ahead.

We will walk from the youth hostel to West Brompton Station, it's about 300 metres. From here we will catch the train up to Watford Junction where we will catch the shuttle bus to Warner Brothers Studio. https://www.wbstudiotour.co.uk/explore-the-tour/

After an exciting visit to the Harry Potter Studios, we will jump back on the bus and return to the train station. This time we will take the train straight into Euston, from there we will use the tube to Waterloo and walk to Pizza Express, Royal Festival Hall, for dinner. From here we will cross the Thames and head up to the Lyceum Theatre to watch The Lion King. https://www.thelyceumtheatre.com/

After a very busy day, we will head through Covent Garden to catch the tube down to Earls Court and back to the YHA.

Wednesday 22nd June

On rising today, the children will know what they want for breakfast, we will eat and pack, ready for the off. We will walk down past Sampford Bridge and catch the Thames Clipper https://www.thamesclippers.com/ from Chelsea Harbour Pier up to Tower Hill so the children can see the city from the river, not quite arriving on a Royal Barge. They will disembark and walk the short distance to The Tower of London where we will take part in a Crime and Punishment workshop. https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/schools/key-stage-2/crime-and-punishment/#gs.vylw5c

We then will take a final tube journey from Tower Hill to Paddington where we will catch the 13.04pm train home. The children will be given their Kids Pak lunch from Subway to be eaten on the train. A swift change at Exeter and on to the branch line, heading for Eggesford, arriving at 15.57. Children should be picked up from here by their parents.

We run a high adult to child ratio on this trip, each group of 4 children will be allocated an adult who they will remain with for almost all of the trip. This adult will be responsible for the children. By allocating children to an adult we have found manoeuvres like getting children on trains, tubes etc. are much safer. The adult can check at a glance they have all the children in their care.

Kit List

We would encourage the children to pack very little for the trip. Everything needs to be in a back pack. They will need night clothes, a small wash kit and two changes of clothes. Any medication needs the correct forms and it can either be carried by the child themselves or the adult. Often in London this time of year it is very hot so a light weight coat is best as the children will be out in the evenings. The children will be carrying their luggage all of day 1 and day 3.

A refillable water bottle is essential and this will be refilled frequently. A packed lunch is needed on day one - please put in a bag that can be disposed of. On day 2, children will be provided with a packed lunch which they will need to put in their back pack with their water bottle. On day 3, children will be given a Kids Pak lunch from Subway which they will eat on the train.

Pictures will be taken by school staff who are aware of GDPR procedures, so no cameras please or any electronic devices.

Souvenirs

Children love buying souvenirs but they can be pricey. They will most probably have time to look in the gift shops of the Rainforest Café and Harry Potter but as you can see the schedule is tight and children can take a lot of time choosing. If you would like your child to have the chance to buy a souvenir please send your child with £10 in a purse in their back pack. Staff cannot be responsible for children's money or what they buy with it!

We already know this trip is the envy of the younger pupils in school and we hope to give the children memories that they can take with them. If you have any additional queries regarding the trip please contact the office.

Kind regards, Mrs Rowcliffe London Residential Organiser

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