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6 September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Model United Nations Conference - Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October 2019

I am writing about the Model United Nation's trip to Manchester (Cheadle Hulme MUNCH) in October. Model United Nations (MUN) is a hugely varied and enjoyable activity, and attending an MUN Conference gives student delegates first-hand experience of many coveted learning situations. MUN combines first line research, summarising of information, succinct writing of resolutions, negotiation, debate, political and background knowledge of country-based and world affairs, confidence building, public speaking, social and diplomatic skills, empathising with others' viewpoint and defending of the delegate's own. Being a conference delegate is a chance to meet new people, to voice closely held opinions and hear those of others and to extend personal knowledge of today's world and seek a negotiated solution to them.

The conference is over 2 days and is held in Cheadle Hulme School in South Manchester and will be our 1^{st} visit to this prestigious event which attracts students from around the UK, and is intended to help less experienced delegates develop skills for bigger conferences in 2019/20 – including Bath and Withington.

Travel by school minibus and lunch are included in the cost of this two-day conference, although some extra pocket money may be required for snacks and drinks which can be purchased on site. We will be leaving school at approximately 8am and should be back for around 7pm on both days.

The cost of the trip is £50 per student.

Please confirm via the electronic reply slip by Friday 13 September to confirm your son's/daughter's attendance on the trip and that you agree to the cost being added to your school fees. I will contact you nearer the time to give a mobile emergency contact and more precise conference itinerary. If you have any questions about any aspect of the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Shipston Model United Nations Co-ordinator

