

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Mr. Malcolm and I are planning to take a group of students to China for a 9 day cultural trip in July 2011 Activities Week.

This will include 3 days in Beijing, 2 days in Xian and 2½ days in Shanghai. The price includes return flights, insurance, visas, coach transportation, full board accommodation, a local Chinese speaking guide at all times, all visits to places of cultural experience and evening entertainment.

Included in the itinerary will be excursions to the Temple of Heaven, the Great Wall, the Ming Tombs, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and Imperial Palace in Beijing. Whilst in Xian we will visit the Terracotta Army and other local sites, including a river cruise. In Shanghai visits include the Jade Temple, Nanjing Road and other local attractions. The evening entertainments include a Peking duck meal, Chinese opera, acrobat show, a kung fu display and evening cruise.

The trip is due to take place in July 2011, during the proposed Activities Week so will have no impact upon students lessons. We are aiming to take 30 pupils from years 11 to 13 (current years 10-12). The emphasis is to experience Chinese culture. The price is approximately £1550 and based upon 30 pupils. The price may fluctuate due to the exchange rate, cost of visa's and pupil uptake. Both of the staff in charge of the visit are experienced trip organisers, having been to Russia, Poland, Berlin and the Battlefields.

Should you wish your son/daughter to participate, please return the slip below with a deposit of £100. Once the trip is confirmed and the deposits sent to NST, this will be non-refundable. Payments of the further £1450 will be paid at monthly intervals to spread the cost, starting in February 2010 with the final payment in March 2011. All students will be issued with a payment card once the initial deposit has been made. **Please make your deposit of £100 by Thursday 28th January 2010.**

This will be an amazing cultural experience, a once in a life time opportunity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The preferred option for payment is on-line using your personal Parentpay account. If you have mislaid your unique activation code, please contact the Finance Office and a replacement will be emailed to you. Please see below if paying by cheque.

- Please ensure that details of payments and trip title are entered in your child's Planner on the Pupil Receipt Card page.
- Payments by cheque would be appreciated (not cash), payable to Churston Ferrers Grammar School. Please write your child's name and year group on the back of the cheque.
- Cheques and Planners should be taken to the Finance Office which is open daily between 8.20am – 8.50am.

Yours sincerely

R North
Head of History

A Malcolm
Head of Business

