

September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Congratulations! Your son/daughter has been selected to take part in an exciting trip to the Houses of Parliament on Monday, 20 October 2025. Spaces on the trip are limited, so if you are interested, please make payment by the 1st October 2025 at the latest.

We will leave school by 6.45 am, with pupils expected to be at school between 630-640am and will be expected to be in full school uniform due to the nature of the place of visit.

Once at the Houses of Parliament, we will participate in a formal tour, followed by a workshop focussing on the Power of Petitions: "Can your group convince its leaders that their petition needs to be taken through to the next stage? How can we use the power of debate to make our argument successful?"

Due to our participation in a workshop and tour, we will be unable to visit the gift shop at the Houses of Parliament, however, we are able to pre-order gifts and souvenirs which we will collect on the day, if you wish to. The link below is for parents to view the souvenirs and costs; a paper order form will be given to your son/daughter at school for you to fill in, so that we can create a school order for collection on the day: [Educational Visits Souvenirs – Houses of Parliament Shop](#)

At the end of our workshop, there will be an opportunity to meet and to pose questions to our Member of Parliament, Mr Mohammed Yasin.

Pupils are able to bring their phones with them, but will only be allowed to take photos inside of Parliament at one distinct point along our tour route, which will be pointed out by our tour guide on the day. Pupils are of course welcome to take photographs outside of Parliament, and teachers will take some during the workshop itself. If pupils do opt to take their phone, these must only be used for photographs or in emergencies.

Pupils must take a packed lunch with them on the day. We will have our lunch break within Parliament before we return to school. Please note that food and drink cannot be purchased at the Houses of Parliament. Please ensure there are no nuts in the packed lunches as we may have pupils in the group with severe nut allergies.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and would like a school packed lunch, this must be ordered at least 3 days in advance of the trip by contacting the trip leader sheas@goldington.beds.sch.uk or by emailing marshallk@goldington.beds.sch.uk

Anyone who suffers from travel sickness must take their tablets/carry these with them. We will not administer these tablets ourselves.

Our first aider will take any medication that is usually stored in the first aid room, but if your child suffers with asthma and usually carries their inhaler with them, please ensure they take it on the trip.

Coaches will arrive back at school around 4.00 pm, traffic dependent. If we are delayed, a message will be sent via social media.

The cost of the trip is £24.22, which includes transport and the activities whilst at the Houses of Parliament. Please note that if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding (Free School Meals at present or Free School Meals within the last 6 years or Previously/Looked After Child), you may be able to receive Pupil Premium funding towards the cost of school trips. Please contact Mr Roopnarain to discuss this further (roopnarains@goldington.beds.sch.uk).

In case of **emergency only**, I can be contacted on this number for the duration of the trip:
07711349616

We are very much looking forward to this trip and hope that pupils will learn a lot from this amazing opportunity.

Yours sincerely

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