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Economics Department Fieldtrip to Prague 2012

Dear Parent,

The Economics Department is organising a four day fieldtrip to the Czech Republic departing on Thursday 22 March 2012 and returning early evening on Sunday 25 March. The trip is an academic excursion to give students an insight into the operation of a variety of industries and institutions, and the chance to apply their classroom study to the real world. The exact details of the trip are currently being finalised with our organiser, "Excalibur Tours", however the itinerary is likely to follow the following format:

Dates	Depart Thursday 22 March - early morning start at Solefields! Return to Solefields late afternoon, Sunday 27 March.
Travel	Coach and Flights from Gatwick / Stansted with low cost airline
Accommodation	Three Nights in Park Hotel, or similar Prague – 4* (For more information, check the website – www.parkhotel-praha.cz)
Visits	CERGE Institute – a 1hr lecture on the transition process Museum of Communism – combining the history and economics A series of firms to help develop an understanding of different competitive environments - Staropramen Brewery; Skoda Car Plant; Nizbor Crystal Factory.
Estimated cost	£385. This will include all transport to and around Prague, accommodation charges on a B&B basis, and entrance to all visits and museums.

The number of places available for students is limited to 60. With 118 students of Economics in the L6th demand is expected to be high so forms will need to be returned promptly – 9am Monday 31 October is the deadline. The list of students who have a place will then be drawn up and posted.

Once details have been finalised I will contact you with the final programme, hotels, emergency numbers etc and to confirm that the final balance has been charged to your termly school bill. If you would like to pay by alternative means could you please inform me by 1 December when the final charge will be passed to the school accounts office.

The students will be accompanied by the five members of the department who will organise work sheets based around each of the visits and then run small discussion groups on return to the hotel. There will also be an additional female member of staff, Miss Tebay, in attendance. As this is a school trip, certain rules of behaviour will be expected, and these will be explained in detail to the pupils closer to the departure date.

The trip will run over the first weekend of the Easter break, involving the loss of one teaching day – the final Thursday. In the past the trip has proven to be both enjoyable and academically rewarding. If you would like your son/daughter/ward to attend, please complete the slip below and return to my pigeon hole in the department office (M3), together with a photocopy of your child's passport, by the deadline.

PS: -There is a clash with the Geography field trip to Morocco which should take precedence as this is a vital part of their course.

PPS: - If your child is taking part on the overlapping school ski trip, this can be accommodated – students can fly directly to the Alps on the Sunday – we will arrange airport transfers, but pupils will need to organise their own flights.

PPPS: - please indicate on the form if your child will be making their way home directly from Prague, so we don't have unnecessary costs in terms of return tickets.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Eversfield
Head of Department

I hereby give my consent for my son/daughter/ward

Name.....

to attend the Economics trip to Prague 2012.

Please charge a £100 non-refundable deposit on my bill.

I enclose a photocopy of their passport.

I also agree to the final balance being added to my termly school account in December .

We will not need a return flight (tick ONLY if applies) as they will make an onward flight directly.

Signed..... Date.....