

MEMO—Office of the Principal

Date: September 8, 2016
To: Dr. Kent Mutchler
From: Tom Rogers
Re: Out-of-Country Trip to England



We are requesting permission to participate in an Out of Country Field Trip to England for Summer 2017. The purpose of this trip is to provide an educational and cultural experience that will reinforce and enhance our English III curriculum and cultural appreciation. It will provide students with a unique opportunity to learn and interact with professionals in our content area.

1. Trip Dates: July 24th – August 2nd, 2017
11 days and 10 nights
Final dates subject to Board approval
2. Number of Students Attending: Approximately 12 to 18
3. Transportation: International Air Carrier / Worldstrides Travel
4. Cost of Trip: Approximately \$4644.00
5. Adult Chaperones: Mr. Phil Ralston and Mrs. Kate Hertz
6. Goals:
 - a. Students will explore places of significance that are connected to literature in the English III curriculum: such as The Romantics, Beowulf, King Arthur and Shakespeare.
 - b. Students will learn what life was like during the medieval period through the middle ages and the Victorian Era. Students will make many literary connections throughout the spectrum of English literature.
 - c. See attached tentative itinerary for additional details.

Historic Britain Trip

Dear Parents and Students,

I'm excited to announce that I will lead a group of Geneva Cmty High School students on a trip called Historic Britain! On this once-in-a-lifetime adventure, students will explore important historical sites, discover rich diversity and cultural heritage, and experience incomparable learning moments. In addition, high school students have the opportunity to get one free college credit! This trip will be an unforgettable educational experience for your child:

- They'll enjoy face-to-face, hands-on engagement with a new country
- They'll mature through exposure to different cultures and unique ways of life
- They'll return from this experience with a greater global awareness

I've chosen to travel with WorldStrides because of their exceptional service, their nearly 50 years of experience in taking students abroad, and their strong safety record. They offer a unique, interactive approach to travel-based learning that makes them the leader in international student travel.

Please read the enclosed brochure, check out the sample itinerary on the back of this page, and visit worldstrides.com/international for more details about WorldStrides and our group's trip. If you have any questions, you can contact me at pralston@geneva304.org. I would like to invite you to an informational meeting that will be held at the school. Please see envelope for details. I hope you can join us!

I would love for your child to join us on this unforgettable trip!

Sign up by September 29, 2016

Phillip Ralston
Program Leader



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DAY 1 FLY TO LONDON

DAY 2 LONDON Morning arrival in cosmopolitan London. You will be met at the airport by your WorldStrides Tour Director and transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is free to start exploring. Perhaps you would like to visit the British Museum, which dates from 1753 and is one of the world's largest. Or start to become acquainted with this exciting city by strolling down some of its famous streets, such as Oxford Street, the Strand or Piccadilly.

DAY 3 LONDON A local guide shows you the neo-Gothic Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, buzzing Trafalgar Square, and lively Piccadilly Circus. Your tour ends with the Changing of the Guard (seasonal). Later visit the Tower of London. One of Britain's most fascinating and important historical structures, the Tower of London begun as a fortress by William the Conqueror, the Tower is now primarily associated with the legendary figures imprisoned and executed here over the centuries. Our visit includes the armories, a display of instruments of torture and execution, and the breathtaking Crown Jewels Exhibit. Get a behind-the-scenes look at the Harry Potter film series with the Warner Bros. Studio Tour London. Enjoy round-trip transport from central London to the Harry Potter film studio to enter the magical world of Harry and his friends. You'll see how the movies were created as you tour the real movie sets, admire the costumes and props, and learn about the special effects and animatronics used to create the films' stunning visuals. Imagine walking side-by-side with Harry, Ron and Hermione as you explore the Great Hall, view Dumbledore's office and stroll down Diagon Alley, featuring the storefronts of Ollivanders wand shop, Flourish and Blotts, the Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes, Gringotts Wizarding Bank and Eeylops Owl Emporium.

DAY 4 LONDON A full-day adventure begins at Stonehenge, the mysterious prehistoric monument from 3,000 B.C. In Salisbury, admire the landmark spire of the Salisbury Cathedral - the tallest in England at 404 feet. Then travel to Bath, immortalized by Jane Austen, and tour the Roman baths.

DAY 5 STRATFORD This morning journey to Oxford and visit Christ Church College. Oxford has long been an important stopping point on central routes from the north of England to London, but it is more well-known as the home of England's first university. With its spectacular architecture and famous scholars, including some of the world's most important writers, the university is a uniquely integral part of Oxford and of England as a whole. Continue to Stratford-upon-Avon, a small Tudor town and a shrine to Britain's most famous playwright. Visit Shakespeare's birthplace and Anne Hathaway's cottage.

DAY 6 YORK This morning transfer from Stratford to the Lake District. Nowhere else will you find nature and culture in such close proximity. Visit Dove Cottage in Grasmere, the former home of William Wordsworth and his sister Dorothy. Continue to York.

DAY 7 YORK York goes back to Roman times when it was a Roman fortress. However, it is well known today as being a remarkably well-preserved fort town of the Middle Ages. In the 8th century, York became the ecclesiastical capital of the north and today it has a fabulous Minster (the largest Gothic church built north of the Alps) and several other churches and is second only to Canterbury as a religious center. This morning, your WorldStrides Tour Director will take you on a walking tour of the city. Step back in time by strolling through the old medieval streets including The Shambles and Stonegate, two of the best-preserved medieval streets in Europe.



DAY 8 EDINBURGH This morning prepare to venture north from York to Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland. En route there will be time to stop at Hadrian's Wall, built in 122-126 AD. It was designed to defend the Roman province from the ancient barbaric clans to the north. It stretches 74 miles from Wallsend to Bowness and was constructed by legionnaires from turf and stone, with turrets at regular intervals along its length. Upon arrival in Edinburgh, get a chance to visit the Royal Mile, Holyrood Palace, and the Georgian New Town. Don't forget about the extraordinary Edinburgh Castle, home of St. Margaret's Chapel and the Scottish crown jewels.

DAY 9 EDINBURGH A local guide shows you Edinburgh Castle to view the superb stained glass windows of St. Margaret's Chapel and brilliant colors of the Scottish Crown Jewels. Learn the harrowing experiences of 18th century French prisoners as read through the castle vault's graffiti. Learn the art of Scottish dancing at a social gathering, or Ceilidh, (pronounced "Kay-lay"). Dance to live music as an instructor shows you some traditional steps.

DAY 10 FLY HOME. Our rewarding and enjoyable tour comes to an end as our tour director accompanies us to the airport on our final day.