



October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Sociology in Action Seminar – Thursday 12 December 2019

We have been fortunate to secure a limited number of places at the Sociology in Action Seminar, which will take place in London on Thursday 12 December.

Highlights of the day will include a talk entitled Equality is not Enough!, by feminist icon Professor Germaine Greer, and a thought-provoking take on why disability is ripe for sociological analysis, by esteemed sociologist, Professor Tom Shakespeare. Professor Beverley Skeggs will delve into how social media reconfigures the values of friendship, whilst Dr Craig Webber will examine the fascinating question of predictive policing in the era of AI, Big Data and the Web. There will also be a lively, interactive examination session led by Ian Luckhurst. The seminar will be chaired by Dr Marian Duggan, Senior Lecturer in Criminology at the University of Kent.

Students should arrive at school for registration at the usual time of 8.35am. We will travel to London by coach and our estimated return time is 5.30pm, depending on traffic.

Students are expected to attend in smart clothing with writing materials and paper. Limited food is available for purchase from the venue, so we suggest that students bring a packed lunch.

The cost of this trip is £38.70 per student. Payment may be made by WisePay (our preferred option), or by cheque (made payable to Ashlyns School), by Monday 11 November. Please note that if payment is made by WisePay, a completed permission slip is not required. If paying by cheque, please complete and return the permission slip to the Finance Box outside the staffroom. Please note that there are a limited number of places available for this visit and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, upon receipt of payment. Payments are non-refundable.

Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. Contributions are voluntary, but if these are insufficient, the trip may have to be cancelled. No student will be denied participation in the trip because of difficulty in meeting the cost. In cases of genuine financial hardship, please contact Mrs Amamou in the Finance Office, in confidence, by Friday 18 October.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr O Smith
Head of English Faculty

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Student Name: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the A Level Sociology in Action Seminar in London.

I enclose a cheque for £38.70 payable to Ashlyns School.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____