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Model United Nations Conference, Bath - March 2nd to March 4th 2012

Dear Parents,

Your daughter/son has indicated an interest in going on our next Model United Nations weekend in Bath, from March 2nd to March 4th. I attach information about this event for those whose children have not attended before.

The event will be run by Kingswood School in Bath, who have run MUN conferences for a number of years. Accommodation will be in the Bristol South Premier Inn, where we have booked rooms. We will be travelling by minibus.

Please sign the attached permission slip if you are willing for your child to attend the conference and either email it to me or fax it to the College, so that numbers can be confirmed with Kingswood School. The estimated cost is £100 for the weekend, to be paid before departure.

I am looking forward to a very interesting MUN conference.

Yours sincerely,

To: Mr D W Crawford, MUN Director, Ellesmere College, Ellesmere, Shropshire SY12 9AB

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I give permission for my son/daughter: to attend the Model United Nations Conference.

PAYMENT:

- *A) I will pay by cheque (made payable to *Ellesmere College*) for the full amount.
 - *B) I will contact the Finance Department to arrange a bank transfer for the full amount.
- (*Delete as appropriate). Payment is required before departure.

Name: Signature: Date:
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Model United Nations is a simulation of the United Nations, and the conference is run by students. There are to be six General Assembly Committees, two Human Rights Committees and a Special Middle East Committee, similar to the sort of committees that would be found at the United Nations. What follows is a brief step-by-step guide to what happens. Stages 1 and 2 are before departure and stages 3 and 4 occur at the MUN.

1. Each participating school is allocated a country/countries (depending on size of group going – we have been allocated Sri Lanka, Swaziland and the Lebanon) or an NGO. Students become delegates of these countries or organisations and decide which committees to sit on. Students then research their country/organisation and the issues being debated on their committee. Research involves reading previous UN resolutions on similar subjects as well as investigating the history and current situation of the country and issues to be debated.
2. Once they are familiar with the topic, students then write a policy statement about each of the issues on their committee (writing as if they are representing their allocated country or organization). Students will then write a resolution ready to take to the MUN.
3. As soon as the MUN starts, students will start talking about each others' resolutions and lobbying for theirs to be taken up by others, or perhaps merged with others or partially changed to suit the requests of others. The final resolutions are submitted to the chair who decides whether to put them forward to the committee or not – usually at least five signatories need to be on the resolution for it to be considered.
4. Students then move to the debating stage. They will sit in their assigned seats in alphabetical order (by country) and must abide very strictly to the UN debating code – debating vocabulary and rules need to be understood before departure. Policies will be debated thoroughly and then voted on.

Dates: March 2nd (afternoon departure) to March 4th (return about 7pm)