

Our ref: LGE/SHW/GHR

18 January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Question Time – London Visit

At Sir Thomas Wharton Academy, we strive to provide our students with enriching opportunities, that extend outside of the classroom, to cultivate their character and provide them with an ever-growing and evolving view of the world and their local community. We are delighted to announce that we are inviting 15 members of the Sixth form to attend the annual Sixth Form Question Time in conjunction with Westminster Abbey, taking place on 6th February 2024. This is an opportunity for students to debate with distinguished speakers and have their voices heard in the heart of Parliament Square.

Students will be able to pose questions to a panel of politicians, activists, and faith leaders, bringing their concerns and interests to the forefront of discussion. The event will take place in St Margaret's Church, commonly called "the parish church of the House of Commons", a place which has witnessed many important events in the life of this country. We hope that the discussions that will take place in this historic setting will inspire and empower the next generation of changemakers.

Your child has been elected as one of the members that we would like to take part in this opportunity. The ticket for the event, along with train tickets, will be purchased by the academy; students will only need funds to access public transport around London (the tube) and for food. Students are welcome to bring a packed lunch if they would wish to do so.

We will be getting the train from Doncaster Train Station at 6:00am and will be departing from London at 8:00pm, roughly arriving back in Doncaster at 10:00pm, depending upon traffic. Due to the time that we will be needing to arrive at the train station, we would like to ask that students make their own way to and from Doncaster Train Station. Mr Hawcroft and Miss Gerrard will be present to meet students outside of the main entrance in the morning. As students are going to be representing the academy, we would also like to ask that they follow a smart/casual dress code.

Please complete the consent form on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/jSk9NQWDU1> by Friday 26th January

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

Yours sincerely,

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