



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL

LICHFIELD

Dear Parents and Students,

As you may have read in Kespress, we are once again hoping to welcome a group of students and teachers from America this summer. They will be arriving early evening on Thursday 9 July and leaving Lichfield (from the school) on the morning of Saturday 11 July.

Their short stop-over in Lichfield will be part of a trip of a lifetime around the UK for the young people as part of a scheme called the 'People to People Ambassador Programme'. The imaginative project was devised by President Eisenhower to encourage young Americans to travel the world, improve communications and make new friends in different countries in the post-war era.

We're not yet sure precisely which parts of the US they'll be coming from, but we know there'll be around 50 visitors in the travelling group – approximately 40-45 students and five leaders.

As a school we feel it would be really beneficial to support the programme again and, as in previous years, there's an opportunity for parents and students to get involved by acting as a 'host family'.

Past experience has shown that after more than two weeks of touring and sight-seeing, the visitors appreciate the rare glimpse into British family life that their short stay in Lichfield provides. It's previously proved rewarding for both parties as host students and their visitors learn from each other's cultures, and often genuine friendships are forged.

The PTA will host a barbecue on the Friday evening and after time spent in school on the Friday morning, the visitors will be treated to a guided tour of our historic city with their host students, leaving little time for host families to 'fill'.

Families with students in any year can host a child - who will be typically aged between 11 and 15 - or one of the adult leaders. Every effort is made to match students with similar interests. Host families need to be able to provide a bed for their visitor in a shared or separate bedroom, as well as meals, and temporary bus passes are arranged where necessary. The American adult leaders are always available should a need arise.

If you are interested in hosting but would like to find out more, please come along to a short, informal information session that we're holding at school at 6.30pm on Tuesday 10 March in Bader Bistro. In meantime, we'd appreciate it if you would fill in the slip below and return it as soon as possible to: "AMERICAN HOSTS", c/o Bader Reception.

Yours sincerely,

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PTA Chair

Headteacher: Ms J Rutherford BA (Hons)

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PTA People to people Ambassador Programme - American Hosts

Please return to school via Bader reception

Name of student and tutor group:

Name of parent / guardian:

Do you plan to attend the information evening? YES or NO ? (please circle as appropriate).

Who would you prefer to host? BOY or GIRL or ADULT LEADER? (please circle).

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