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Dear Parents

### **Model United Nations Conference**

We are taking a group of students to take part in a forthcoming Model United Nations (MUN) Conference, which is taking place on Saturday 10 November. The venue is Malvern St James Girls' School. The exact address is 15 Avenue Road, Great Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 3BA.

The times for the event are 10am–6pm and the cost will be £25. The fee covers attendance, a two-course lunch, an evening social with a light supper and refreshments. This will be added to your school bill.

We will travel by train, the journey takes 1 hour 40 minutes from Oxford and Malvern St James is only a two-minute walk from Great Malvern station. I will let you know precise details of the meeting point and emergency contact numbers for the day by email nearer the date. We will be meeting at Oxford railway station at 8am and will arrive back at Oxford railway station at 7.30pm. Your daughter will need to purchase a ticket for this journey.

Miss Wigginton and myself will be in attendance and will give the students a phone number in case of problems with transport or difficulties during the day. We will be travelling with them on the train and will arrange a place for the students to meet us. The nature of MUN means that they will work in different groups and locations around the school, but we will check in with each other regularly throughout the day. I have attached some information on MUN below.

It is extremely important that we hold the very latest medical or dietary information on all our students, especially for any external school visits, so if there are any amendments or additions, do please let the School know. If your daughter has an inhaler or other medication, please ensure that she brings it with her.

To confirm your daughter's place for the event please complete the [electronic response form](#) by Tuesday 30 October.

I will follow up with further information about travel arrangements and a programme for the day soon.

Yours faithfully

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**General information**

Model United Nations is an exciting student-led simulation of the real United Nations. Each school taking part represents a different country and takes its place in a series of debates, defending its interests and putting forward its point of view in open forum. It is an unparalleled opportunity for engagement with the key international issues of the day. It takes in everything from military threats to environmental dangers and provides a chance to explore the political, economic and cultural realities of the international community.

Students work together under the leadership of their peers and so develop valuable skills in teamwork and debating. By adopting the positions of different countries, often those at odds with one another, they are compelled to develop strategies for solving problems and building consensus. They also learn to use complex diplomatic and political language and procedures.

While MUN is directed by school teachers, much of the organisation and running of the conference is led by students which creates a great learning experience for those involved and a more student-oriented atmosphere.