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Dear Parents

## Beijing Exchange

We are very excited at the prospect of starting an exchange programme with an outstanding secondary school in Beijing.

The dates for the exchange are as follows:

1. Beijing's school visit to the UK: 23 September to 06 October 2018
2. St. John's visit to China: 27/28 October to 04 November 2018 (arriving on Sunday)

You will notice that our visit to Beijing will take place during October half term. This decision has been made by Senior Leadership, in line with school policy. Furthermore, adverse weather conditions and Chinese holidays have made it difficult to secure a date at any other time.

The Beijing Partner School has already drafted an exciting timetable for our students, which will include visits to lessons, learning Chinese calligraphy and painting, watching a Kung Fu Sports Competition and visiting the Imperial Palace in the Forbidden City and the Chinese Wall.

The trip leader Mr Chris Field visited the school during the Easter Holidays and was very impressed with the facilities and the sights.

The proposed cost for this visit will be around £850, and we should be able to inform you about the exact costing in due course.

At the moment, we have 15 current Year 9 students who have expressed their interest to host a Chinese student and to travel to Beijing. We need 20 children to take part and therefore we are opening it up to more students.

**There are still 5 places left to take part in this exciting adventure of a life time.** If your child is interested in taking part, we would be very grateful if you could let us know by **Monday 25 June 2018 at the latest**. We apologise for the short notice that this has given you but this is a request from the exchange programme to fill the places and they need to know by Tuesday!

If your child is interested, please would you reply by email to [info@stjohns.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:info@stjohns.wilts.sch.uk) and send in a deposit of £200 to secure your child's place. Payment should be made online through ParentPay; or by cheque indicating on the envelope your child's name and name of trip. For security purposes we request that you do not make payments in cash, the Academy cannot be held responsible for the non-receipt of cash payments from students. Please be advised that if we have more than 5 children apply, names will be drawn out of a hat.

We look forward to hearing from you with what will be an exciting opportunity for your child.

Kind regards

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