



WLP: Student Council - Parental Consent Form

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Dear Parent or Legal Guardian,

As part of their school's membership of the West London Partnership, your child has been offered the opportunity to help initiate, organise and take part in meetings or activities organised by the West London Partnership ('WLP') as part of its Student Committee. This letter outlines further information about what this involves and includes a parental consent form for you to return.

About the West London Partnership:

The West London Partnership is an association of secondary schools from both the independent and state sectors in West and Southwest London.

The overarching aims and aspirations are:

- To create a genuine partnership built on sustainable, collaborative projects where schools and other institutions work together, sharing resources and expertise, to address educational needs and to enrich learning for everyone.
- To maintain and co-ordinate the good work already begun while sharing ideas and new initiatives so that we learn from each other and ensure maximum impact, reach and engagement and help to break down barriers, promoting social mobility and social cohesion by being inclusive to all levels and abilities.
- To collaborate in promoting best practice in education and to engage with a range of partners to enhance education and opportunity eg IntoUniversity, Springboard, local universities, local authorities, MPs, councillors, charities.
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To facilitate these the partnership and partner schools will also aim to:

- Have leadership representatives from both Independent and Maintained schools develop approaches to collaborative teaching and learning
- Promote events and opportunities equally across the partnership and seek out and negotiate opportunities, including financial, as they arise to further the partnership, its aims and outcome.

Schools in the partnership include: Christ's school, Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, Fulham Boys' School, Hammersmith Academy, Latymer Upper School, Putney High School, St Paul's Girls' School, St Paul's School, and Sacred Heart High School.

Safeguarding:

Robust safeguarding, GDPR and visiting speaker policies have been set up for WLP in line with standard school and organisational practices, in particular for online collaboration to ensure sufficient staff supervision and keep students safe. Participation in activities and meetings is entirely at students' discretion and is voluntary. I am sure that it goes without saying that students involved will be expected to follow the same standards of behaviour and safeguarding as expected in their own school.



In order to take part, we may need to store basic information about your child (Name, School, School email address only, Age). Depending on the activities your child participates in, they may need to attend online conference calls (usually through Zoom, Teams or Google Classroom with at least two members of DBS-checked staff present and usually at least four people in breakout rooms). They may also have the opportunity to take part in various activities that require them to be photographed or videoed and for the footage to be made available on social media, news, school or organisation websites. There may also be the opportunity to attend face-to-face meetings or events, which you would hear more about via your student's own teacher as per usual school trips arrangements. The activities may require working with other students and DBS-checked teachers and recent school leavers, as well as DBS-checked staff and other carefully vetted partner organisations including NGOs, charities, universities and corporates. A minimum number of school staff will always be in attendance at online and in-person meetings and will oversee online collaboration.

Please complete the [online parental consent form](#) to give permission for your child to become a member of the WLP Student Committee and attend meetings and events.

Yours sincerely

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