



Friday 19 September

Dear Parent, Carer

## **Year 12 Sociology 'Sociology in Action conference' – Thursday 19 March 2026**

We are delighted to offer students the opportunity to attend the Sociology in Action Conference at the University of Warwick, on Thursday 19 March 2026. The visit will involve speakers such as Professor Martin Albrow, an eminent British sociologist, one of the first globalisation theorists. He has taught in universities the world over and will be presenting a session on 'Globalisation and Society.' Other topical issues will be covered including education, crime and beliefs and there will also be a session on exam skills. This will supplement their studies on all three examination papers in Sociology and provide further contemporary context and examples to support the patterns and trends we will explore and analyse in more detail in their studies.

The conference will run from 10am to 3pm. Students should arrive at school at the normal time (by 8.40am at the latest) ready for departure at 9.00am and we anticipate returning by 3.45pm. As we will be out over lunchtime, students will need to bring a packed lunch and water for themselves on the day, or bring sufficient money to purchase food on the day. Packed lunches will be provided for students on Free School Meals and will be available for collection on the morning of the visit. Please email me by Friday 13 March 2026 at [jholland@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:jholland@northleamington.co.uk) if you would like a Free School Meal provided.

The suggested per student contribution is **£35.00** to cover the cost of the return coach journey and entry to the conference. This contribution is payable via ParentPay ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)) and is required by **Friday 3 October 2025**. Please also complete the consent information required on ParentPay. In order for the trip to go ahead, it is essential that sufficient contributions are received to cover the full cost. Please note that once you have committed to a trip all deposits and monies paid will be non-refundable should your child withdraw from the trip.

In terms of medicine, parents/carers must acquaint themselves with the policy here: [Link to Policy on Supporting Students with Medical Needs](#). Parents/Carers will need to ensure they pass on all medicines (prescription or over-the-counter ones) with a copy of the Parental Agreement (consent) form found on page 6. If you need a paper copy of the form provided for you, please ask me as the Visit Leader at [jholland@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:jholland@northleamington.co.uk).

Educational site visits are an additional opportunity for students to support their learning. Should we have any concerns regarding a student's behaviour either prior to or in the time between signing up to the trip, that student will be withdrawn from the trip and individual parents will be notified accordingly.

It is advisable that students do not take valuables on this trip. However, if it is necessary, please ensure that your own insurance covers such items.

We would ask that students adhere to the school dress code for the trip as smart casual and most appropriate for a conference of this nature, with members from other schools and members of the public.

We hope the students enjoy the conference. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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