

# 2025-2026 London Update Newsletter

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As always, you can find most information on the Music Website on the London page.

# The fun stuff first!

We've had so much business to take care of the last few months, so let's start this London Update #19 with some of the fun stuff!



#### Free Time in London

You will have some lots of free time to explore London in your Groups with Chaperones. (We will cover the rules for this in our November 23 meeting.)

#### Start planning what you would like to do!

London is a truly international city, full of ancient Roman ruins and sites related to past Kings and Queens but with all the features of the best modern cities.

There is so much to see, and you'll want to spend some time planning.

For example, my son and I are excited to see Charlie Chaplin's birthplace and boyhood home during our free time.

To help you better prepare for all of this, please check out the two links below...

# **Trip Itinerary, Meals**

This itinerary is subject to change, but for the most part all locked in. Use this itinerary to plan out your free time, where you'd like to eat.

# **Things to Do**

Although not comprehensive, this list has lots of great things you might want to check out!

#### **LNYDP Audio Tours**

We have free access to custom maps and custom downloadable guided audio tours, designed specifically for LNYDP participants. These are really good and well done, and they're **free**! See more information on the links above.

# Next, stuff for the meeting...

### Sunday, November 23, 2025 @ 7:00-9:00 p.m.

We need ALL PARTICIPANTS and any of their family members to attend. There are SO MANY things to cover.

#### Items to Review

We will mention these during our meeting, but we highly recommend reading these in full ahead of time.

- MHASD School Board Policies
- MHHS Student Handbook
- Student Rules and Expectations LNYDP
- Chaperone Guidelines LNYDP

#### Forms to Sign

Please wait for our all-participant trip meeting for signatures on these; we will provide copies at the meeting.

- Student Agreement Form LNYDP
- Parent/Guardian Permission Form LNYDP

### Participant Health Form = due Sunday, November 23, 2025

Please have this form completed in time for the All Participant Meeting on Sunday, November 23, 2025. Detailed instructions on completing this form can be found in <u>London Update #14</u>.

Note that while district notary Chelsie Hedges will NOT be present at this meeting, she is still <u>available to notarize forms by appointment</u> at the Mt. Horeb District Office during business hours (you will NOT be able to walk in for this service, you must make an appointment).

# Next, stuff for the day we leave...

Saturday, December 27, 2025 @ TBD

### **Local TSA Screening**

On Saturday, December 27, we will be running you through our Local TSA Screening in Mt. Horeb!

This has been successful for us in the past and helps us avoid costly and timely delays.

All luggage will be opened and inspected before boarding buses for Chicago. This includes all adults traveling with our group.

You will need to show your passport and photo identification.

Your luggage will be weighed, measured and inspected. If anything is too heavy, you will need to leave something at school. These will be verified with TSA Requirements.

You will be asked to show all your uniform parts (including warm clothing for under your uniform).

You will receive a luggage tag for your checked bag here. You will need to show you have all your bags labelled.

You will need to show any liquids and/or medications you are bringing (in the zip-top bags) to verify you've met all the requirements for the TSA Liquids, Gels, Aerosols Rule.

We will ensure all items zip completely closed.

#### **Send Off Breakfast**

After our local TSA screening and final group meeting, we've traditionally done a "send-off" potluck breakfast to make sure everybody gets fed before our trek to Chicago (nobody needs a bunch of grumpy and hungry people stuck in the airport!).

Of course, we need your help to make this happen! Jobs needed include:

- Creating SignUp Genius for help
- Bringing a dish to pass
- Help serving
- Help tearing down afterward
- Help cleaning up afterward

Please contact Mr. Dorner is you would be willing to help with this event!

We are looking for help from non-chaperones given that our chaperones are already busy that morning.

# Finally, stuff to get done...

## **Checklist of Stuff to Get Done**

Thank you for helping get these completed! Double check the deadlines below.

Passport copies/scans now past due August 15, 2025 We've collected 204 of 207 copies
UK ETA confirmation now past due August 15, 2025 We've collected 202 of 207 confirmations
WhatsApp now past due Friday, September 19, 2025 132/208 We've added 173 of 207 participants
Background checks now past due Friday, September 19, 2025 We have this done for 57 of 58 chaperones
Medical Release, Insurance Form due Sunday, November 23, 2025 We've collected 35 of 207 forms
Participant Meeting on Sunday, November 23, 2025 @ 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Student Agreement Form LNYDP signed November 23, 2025
Parent/Guardian Permission Form LNYDP signed November 23, 2025