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Dear Parents/Carers

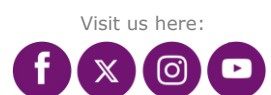
We are excited to inform you of a potential opportunity for our students to visit Japan in October 2025. Following the success and popularity of our recent trip to Japan, we are considering organizing another visit to this incredible country, around the 15 October 2025. We are writing at this stage, to ask for expressions of interest to determine the level of enthusiasm and possible up take for this trip, which is estimated to cost around £2,450.00 per student. The price will cover flights, accommodation, all meals, and all planned excursions and trips.

Some key excursions on the trip we hope to include would be riding a bullet train to Hakone for views of Mount Fuji, visits to the Meiji Shrine and the nearby Takeshita district. Taking part in an authentic calligraphy class, viewing the sprawling city of Tokyo from the Metropolitan Building and visiting Tokyo Disneyland amongst many others.

Before expressing interest, we'd like to outline some important points for consideration:

### Pros of the Trip:

- **Cultural Exposure:** This trip provides an invaluable opportunity for students to immerse themselves in Japan's rich history, culture, and modern society.
- **Educational Value:** Students will engage in a variety of educational activities, including visits to museums, historical sites, and cultural landmarks.
- **Building Global Awareness:** Experiencing life in Japan will help broaden students' perspectives, fostering a deeper understanding of the world.
- **Unforgettable Memories:** The trip promises to be a life-changing experience for all involved, creating lasting memories and friendships.



## Points to consider:

- **Cost:** The price of the trip may be a barrier for some families. We understand that this is a significant expense and will explore payment plans to help make the trip more accessible to all students.
- **Walking:** Your child will be walking up to and over approximately 20,000 steps per day.
- **Travel and Crowds:** Your child will be using crowded streets and public transport daily.
- **Food, Smells, Lights and Sounds:** Japan can be an assault on the senses at times, your child will be exposed to many new foods, smells, lights, sounds and sights that they may not be used to. This is all part of the cultural exposure that your child will immerse themselves in.
- **Behaviour:** Students on educational visits are representing the academy 24 hours a day and behaviour is of the utmost importance. At the academy we uphold our high behavioural expectations at all times. If there are any behavioural issues on the run up to a trip, we reserve the right to remove your child.
- **Mobile Phones:** At the academy we follow the guidance of the Department for Education with regards to the use of mobile phones on trips and visits. Educational visits are an extension of the academy day and rules around mobile phones are still enforceable during these times. These rules help us to keep students safe whilst in our care.

Students wishing to bring a mobile phone to take photographs and contact parents must hand the phone to the trip leader before embarking on the trip, they will then designate structured times when students may collect and use their phones. At all other times, students are prohibited from using or being in possession of their mobile phone. Failure to adhere to this requirement will result in sanctions under the academy behaviour policy.

- **Selection:** We expect this trip to be oversubscribed, in this event we reserve the right to select students based on their suitability.



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## Next Steps:

Once we have a clear picture of interest, we will provide further details and outline the next steps for additional trip information, deposit payments and deadlines for further instalments.

If you would like to express your interest in this opportunity, please send an email to myself via the below address stating your child's name and Tutor Group by Friday 22 November.

[japan2025@thesuttonacademy.org.uk](mailto:japan2025@thesuttonacademy.org.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you and are excited about the possibility of giving our students the opportunity to explore Japan.

If you would like any additional information or have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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