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Dear Parent/Carer

The Citizenship Department is participating in this year's Buckinghamshire County Council Model United Nations (MUN). Your child has been selected to take part in what will be our seventh year of participation.

The main aim of the Model United Nations is to provide opportunities for students to meet with students from other schools to explore questions of identity and diversity whilst developing their critical thinking skills on issues that affect the world.

MUN events engage students in current world affairs and develop communication and negotiation/debating skills. They help develop skills of enquiry, critical thinking and reflection – key skills that will help them through their transition to adulthood - as well as deepening their understanding of identity, diversity, equality and community. The Bucks MUN project is unique in that the students meet and work with other young people from schools across Buckinghamshire.

The event simulates the diplomacy of international relations at the UN. It aims to build an understanding of global challenges amongst young people that crosses borders of background, culture and nationality. Using both the knowledge and the relationships they form through MUN, it is hoped that the next generation of world leaders and thinkers will be able to work co-operatively to find solutions to future global problems that are compatible with the aims and principles of the United Nations. Taking on the role of an ambassador to the UN, participants can experience the complexities of international policy formation at first hand. MUN also aims to develop transferable skills essential to all fields of study and employment.

These trips are free of charge. However, I would be grateful if you could complete the consent forms, paper copies of which will be issued to your child on Monday 15th January.

Yours faithfully

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