

WVHS LONDON NEW YEARS DAY PARADE FAQ's

1. What Airline is used?

Past airlines: British Airways, Delta, Virgin Air... will know at a later date

2. How does rooming work?

There is a rooming request sign up sheet. We are basically given so many rooms based on our numbers and the staff comes up with a plan based on your rooming request. We try and pair up students with other students based on your requests. The same with chaperones.

3. What city do we fly out of? And do we drive there?

We fly out of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. We meet at Walker Valley High School on the morning of departure. We will board a charter bus to Atlanta from WVHS. Charter buses will also carry us back home after our trip.

4. Is it ok to travel to other cities/countries on our free days?

Yes. Certain things need to be taken into consideration (Time, Cost, Transportation). I would encourage you to not spend more time traveling to a certain outside destination than time spent at the outside destination. Travel 6 hours to a city for 2 hours of sightseeing.

5. Will my phone work in London and do I need to have an international phone package?

I would contact my phone company about your phone being able to make international calls. There is a Preta Manger (sandwich shop) or Starbucks in the surrounding area with free wifi. I normally just facetime or skype home using free wifi. If you are looking for a cheap way of communicating then this is the way to go.

6. How much money should we take per person?

I would suggest \$300-\$400 per student. This all depends on how frugal your child is. Take enough to buy some cheap souvenirs (be careful to not buy too much... there are weight limits on luggage!!) and maybe eat out here and there. 2 meals/day are covered in the trip. Always better to have too much than not enough.

7. Cash or Card?

A little bit of both. The card is the safest yet there are normally international fees when using a card. I encourage prepaid cards and take some cash in case of "Cash Only" places. Paying for things over in London is just like the US except they use pounds. There are a ton of exchange shops in London to exchange dollars for pounds.

8. What's the weather like over there?

It's pretty close to the same temperatures as here in the states. It does rain a little more but rain in London is more of a steady mist/drizzle. Maybe a little colder here.

9. On our free days, what's the best way to travel in the city?

I highly recommend The Underground (subway). You will be given an Oyster Card with limited travel. You can also use a taxi but depending on the time of day, this can be expensive and a little slower. Walking is a great option because you get to see the historical city of London during your journey to your destination (and work off the pounds of fish and chips)! Bus travel is available but a little more confusing... GO UNDERGROUND!