



# Willingdon

## COMMUNITY SCHOOL

### YEARS 7 & 8 CANADA RESIDENTIAL TRIP

October 2026

July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

We are incredibly excited to be able to offer a school trip to **CANADA** for students who are currently in Years 7 and 8 to be travelling in October 2026. (They will be in either year 10 or year 11 when they travel).

We are pleased to be offering the trip which is being planned for Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> – October 27<sup>th</sup> 2026. Travel will be from Gatwick to Toronto Pearson International Airport in Canada. (Please note that we are not able to book flights yet, so date/ exact times will be confirmed nearer the time).

The group will be staying in hostels in small groups – (the exact accommodation will be confirmed when we have the numbers for the trip). Our days will be filled with activities like exploring the CN Tower - one of Canada's most famous icons and a must-see in Toronto. Those brave enough can take a walk over the glass floor! We'll be visiting Montreal, taking boat tours (including to the awesome Niagara Falls!) We'll see the biodomes, the Underground City and take in a Hockey game to name just a few amazing adventures – the itinerary is absolutely packed morning until night!

We have costed the trip based on 30 places. The trip is being booked through 'Diverse Travel' (<https://www.diverseschooltravel.co.uk/>); a company with a quality reputation of arranging a range of school tours. They will work closely with the school throughout the planning process and with the operators in Canada to ensure the very best learning experience for your young person. The total cost covers expenditure for the trip including all transfers, breakfast and evening meals, accommodation, activities and insurance. The total payable is £2100 and any changes in the exchange rates are protected. We are advised to add between \$10-20 per day for lunch. This cost is subject to numbers. Any spending money will need to be carried by the students.

Your young person will need to be in possession of his/her/ their own valid passport for the time of travel. For general travel information for visiting Canada, please visit [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) . Please think carefully before committing yourself to this activity as refunds are not possible once the deposit is paid, as the funds are then committed. A **non-refundable deposit** before the end of term on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024, of £150, will secure your young persons' place on the trip. **12 Termly** payments of £162.50 will then be made over the course of the next two academic years.

Poor behaviour/low attendance will not be tolerated at Willingdon Community School. Therefore, the school reserves the right to cancel a student's participation in a trip if behaviour /attendance does not reach our expected high standards.

If you would like to know more, we will be hosting an information evening on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 6pm for students and parents/carers interested in the trip. We will be explaining the itinerary, trip activities, answering questions and showing a presentation of some of the amazing locations that we will be visiting.

Yours faithfully,

Mr R Crellin