



England

May 2008

Trip Leader: Sean Rakowski

Trip Description:

Wilbraham & Monson Academy is fortunate to have entered into a school exchange relationship with Plymouth College, a coeducational boarding school in southwest England, established in 1877. Four WMA students will be chosen to live and learn for two to three weeks in May 2008. The students will attend classes and explore the history of Plymouth, England, in addition to visiting London. The four students and the faculty member traveling this year represent the start of an extended relationship between WMA and Plymouth College, with plans for a group of Plymouth College students and faculty to stay at WMA next fall.

The trip is made possible through the generosity of Mr. Leverett M. Hubbard, a longtime friend of the Academy. He has graciously funded the travel for all participants, building on a rich history of supporting international travel and exchange at WMA.

Connections to Curriculum:

All students will be given reading assignments prior to the trip to prepare them for the sites they will visit and give them appropriate cultural, historic, and political background of the country. Specific focus will be given to the historical connections between Plymouth, Massachusetts, and Plymouth, England, and the journey of the Pilgrims across the Atlantic. During the trip, all students will keep a journal to record their impressions and observations. The students are also required to share their experience through written reflection and through a group presentation about the trip.

Fee: No fee is required as the trip has been generously funded by a private donor.

Requirements: The trip is open to students in grades 9-11 with priority given to students who have not previously traveled outside the United States.

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