Dear B Block parent

It's that time of year when we advertise for the opportunity to take part in either the Japanese or New York exchange programmes. Due to the large volume of interest in both trips over recent years, the following rules will apply to register interest:

- A child can apply to take part in one or the other, but not both exchange programmes.
- In the event of over subscription, names shall be drawn out of a hat at random. Selection is not on a first come, first served basis.
- These trips are best suited to children that live locally or have the facility to host in or around Oxford as part of the exchange programme. There are limited spaces for boarders and hosting in the boarding Houses is not viable.
- Please only consider these trips if your child is happy to be away from home for a period of time and it is ideally not their first experience of an overseas stay.
- Parents of hosting children will need to submit to a full DBS clearance by the school.

Dates for the exchanges are as follows:

Japan Exchange – Hosting Keio children In Oxford from 20th to 28th April 2018

Return leg to Tokyo from 17th to 26th October 2018

New York Exchange – In New York from 22nd to 30th October 2018

In Oxford from 14th to 19th June 2019

All details and costs for both trips can be found on www.smaugabroad.com .

It is also worth considering whether your child is actually suitable and prepared to spend a large amount of time away from home in a strange environment and please have this discussion with your child in advance.

All correspondence for information and to register interest in either trip, please contact Smaug Abroad, info@smaugabroad.com . The deadline for registering interest is 11th December after which a draw will take place if required.

As always, we would dearly love to take all who apply but for obvious reasons, this simply isn't possible so please ensure your child is aware that this is only registering interest at this point and not a commitment to the trip.

Tim Knapp & Therese Luke