



Backwell School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Model United Nations

This year Backwell School intends to run a Model United Nations (MUN) group, I am writing to invite your son/daughter to participate in the tenth annual Bristol Grammar School Model United Nations (BGSMUN) Conference, which will be held on **Sunday, 4 February 2018**.

The BGSMUN Conference is designed to be a friendly event where all delegates feel able to contribute. It can be a hugely rewarding experience for delegates from all schools and with all levels of experience in Model United Nations. MUN is a great way to learn and improve public speaking, improve analytical skills and work in a team.

Delegations will comprise 4 to 6 students, and there will be a maximum of four delegations from each school. This is a one-day conference; registration will be at 8.30 am for a 9.00 am start; the conference finishes at 5.30 pm. We are asking that students make their own travel arrangements to and from **Bristol Grammar School, University Road, Bristol BS8 1SR**. I will also be attending the conference.

The cost of the conference is £5.50 per student, which covers break time snacks and shields and gavels for the winners. All students will need to bring a packed lunch. Those in Years 9 to 11 must wear full uniform to the conference; Sixth Form students should dress appropriately.

Please see below for a list of topics. Students will be issued with briefing papers and a delegate handbook shortly.

Committee	Topics for debate
SC - Security Council	The Issue of Abu Sayyaf in the Philippines The Issue of Insurgency around the Malaysian-Thai Border
SCCUN - Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations	The Issue of Granting Powers to the United Nations The Issue of Reforming International Humanitarian Law
DISEC - Disarmament and International Security	The Issue of Nationality in civil wars/war The issue of ethnic cleansing in Myanmar
HR1 - Human Rights Committee 1	The Issue of Subjugation of Women Under Religious institutions The Issue of the Persecution of Homosexuals
HR2 - Human Rights Committee 2	The Question of Amending the UN Declaration on Human Rights The Question of Protecting Human Rights Online

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CSTD - Commission on Science and Technology for Development	The Issue of Technological Disparity The Issue of Maintaining Biodiversity
HSC - Historical Security Council	The Israeli Invasion of Lebanon (1978) The Manchurian Crisis (1931)

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If your son/daughter is interested in representing Backwell School at the BGSMUN Conference, please visit www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system, **by Monday, 20 November**, to give your consent and make payment. If you have any problems accessing the service, please contact the Finance Team on 01275 465941.

For students in Years 9 to 11, if your son/daughter is in receipt of free school meals, we will pay the cost of their entry to the BGSMUN Conference from your personal allocation of Pupil Premium funding. In this instance, please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to the Finance Department **by Monday, 20 November**.

For students in Years 12 and 13, in cases of financial assistance, please contact Mrs Gumm, the Business Support Manager, who will be able to provide information regarding the 16-19 Bursary Fund. This is available to post-16 students who are in receipt of free school meals or whose parents/carers receive Child Tax Credit.

Yours sincerely

I George
Assistant Headteacher

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NAME OF STUDENT: _____ TUTOR GROUP: _____

My son/daughter is in receipt of free school meals. I give permission for him/her take part in the BGSMUN Conference on 4 February 2018. Please make payment of £5.50 on his/her behalf from my personal allocation of Pupil Premium funding.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Carer

Emergency contact number(s): _____