

# 2009 MEMO

To: Oxford Summer School Registrants

From: Daniel J. McCarroll

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Re: **"DON'T FORGET YOUR PASSPORT" and other useful information**

## **PASSPORTS AND VISAS:**

Don't forget your passport. Carry it on your person. Don't pack it in your luggage. Check your passport's expiration date lest it expire while overseas. In case you lose your passport, it helps to carry a photocopy of it with you in a separate place. England does not require an advance visa. Upon arrival, you are automatically granted a 6-month tourist visa. If you are visiting other countries, check visa requirements to determine if advance visas are required. Your travel agent is a good source for this information.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION WHILE IN GREAT BRITAN:**

St. Edmund Hall, Queen's Lane and High Street, Oxford OX1 4AR (mail should be marked "Air Mail")  
from US dial 011-441-865-279-000, fax 011-441-865-279-089

To call the United States from the United Kingdom dial 00-1-[area code]-[number]. For example, to call UMKC CLE from the U.K. dial, 00-1-816-235-1648. Remember, England is 6 hours ahead of Missouri (CST) e.g.: if it is noon in Kansas City, it is 6:00 p.m. in London and Oxford. All of the United Kingdom is in the same time zone.

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## **FLIGHT AND AIRPORT INFORMATION:**

Group flights depart from Kansas City, St. Louis and Boston. KC and St. Louis groups meet in U.S. international departure city and fly together to London Heathrow or Gatwick. Boston group flies separately and joins Missouri group in London. Groups travel together on chartered coach/bus from London airport to Oxford. Travel time approximately 1 hour.

## **LOST BAGGAGE PROCEDURE:**

If your baggage is lost, notify a UMKC staff member immediately! You will need to then file a lost luggage report with the airline with instructions to forward your belongings to: **Porter's Lodge, St. Edmund Hall, Queens Lane and High Street, Oxford, phone 01-865-279-000.**

## **PACKING, WEATHER, WHAT TO WEAR AND OTHER HELPFUL IDEAS:**

Pack light. You'll be glad you did. Remember there are times when you actually have to "schlep" all those heavy bags around yourself, and, besides, you will want space to bring your purchases home with you. There are laundry facilities in St. Edmund Hall and dry cleaners in Oxford. The weather is usually cool, 10° to 15° C in the morning and 20° C midday. Extremes run from around 8° C as a low to 28° C as a high. Lightweight sweaters and jackets are helpful. Good walking shoes are essential. Classes and meals are informal so the need for "dress up" clothing is minimal.

Prior attendees recommendations: *“Don’t forget your flip-flops” for quick trips down the hall to the restroom.* *“Bring a portable umbrella and, most important, a travel alarm clock.”*

One item that I always bring is a very small AM-FM battery powered radio. It's useful for weather reports in the morning and to hear the wonderful BBC programs which give you more of the "flavor" of the place. Radio Oxford BBC Station can be found at approximately 95 FM.

Zip Lock Baggies are secure for storage of everything from pieces of broken jewelry to items of damp clothing. Empty 35mm film containers are airtight and watertight and useful for storage of small amounts of ointments, medicines, vitamins, liquids, etc. Also useful is a "travel notebook" with addresses, phone numbers, passport and credit card numbers. Bring business cards to pass out to new friends.

Pack valuable items, passports, medications, etc. on your person or in your "carry on" items that travel with you. Remember, the airlines "throw" your bags so carry cameras, camcorders, etc. on your person.

A quick table for converting Celsius to Fahrenheit follows:

	<u>°F</u>	<u>°C</u>
	86	30
	77	25
	68	20
	59	15
	50	10
	41	5
	32	0

**BRITISH CURRENCY:**

Notify your credit card company and banks that you will be traveling overseas and where you may be headed. This will avoid them putting a hold on your card thinking that it has been stolen. Most retailers and restaurants will take a VISA or MasterCard credit card or debit card. Credit card companies usually give you a better exchange rate. But be ware, they often charge fees for international transactions. There are several ATM's located in Oxford. Lloyds' Bank ATM is on the corner of High Street and Cornmarket about a 10-minute walk up the High from St. Edmund Hall (across from the carfax) and Barclays no fee ATM is across Cornmarket from Starbucks or on Turl Street. Remember your card PIN numbers.

**YOUR AIRLINE TICKETS:**

No paper tickets will be issued. I will distribute confirmation numbers and seat assignments to you via email or telephone call. You may use the confirmation numbers to go on-line at <http://www.aa.com> 24 hours prior to departure to print departure boarding passes. Return boarding passes will be printed 24 hours prior to return.

Please arrive 1½ to 2 hours before flight time. You should call the airport before your arrival for any last minute instructions or visit their website.

Kansas City departures: I will be at the ticket counter to greet you with a name badge. Please check-in with me.

St. Louis departure: Individuals departing from St. Louis will join the KC group in Chicago. Please check-in with me at O'Hare.

Boston departures will fly non-stop to London. Please proceed through customs and connect with the group flying from Chicago.

**ARRIVAL AT LONDON AIRPORT FOR AIR TRAVEL ARRANGED BY UMKC.**

Proceed through passport control and claim your bags off the carousel. Please check to make sure you have picked up YOUR luggage and not someone else's by mistake. While you are waiting for your bags to arrive, please locate one

of the tour staff members. We will be wearing identifying nametags. If available, I suggest placing your bags on one of the rolling carts provided by the airport. After claiming your bags, proceed through the "Nothing to Declare" Customs line, tour staff will direct you to the chartered buses for transport to Oxford.

***Please go directly with the group to the buses.*** If you have purchased British Rail passes, you can pick them up in Oxford. You needn't contact British Rail office at the airport. This will delay the entire group. Once again, keep small pieces, cameras, valuable items, medications, etc. on your person.

Once you are on the group bus, please notify a tour guide should you need to leave for any reason. Once we have checked you off the list, we assume you are on the bus. We would hate to go off and leave you in the restroom!

### **Boston departures:**

If everything goes as planned, you will meet the UMKC group tour coordinator at the "public meeting point" in the airport terminal. Ask airport staff for directions to the "public meeting point". ***However, in the unlikely event that the KC flight is delayed or your flight is delayed*** and you get to the London airport and no one is there to meet you, please take public transportation to St. Edmund Hall in Oxford. Ask the information desk at the airport to direct you to the bus or train terminal and UMKC will reimburse you for the costs of public transit to Oxford if you have purchased air travel from UMKC. ***If you have purchased air travel from UMKC and choose to hire a private car for transport to Oxford, UMKC will reimburse your travel up to the price of public transportation to St. Edmund Hall in Oxford.***

### **THE BUS RIDE TO OXFORD**

It takes approximately 1 hour. I suggest making a washroom stop at the airport ***before*** getting on the bus. The breakfast served aboard the aircraft before landing will be light. Bring snacks on the bus to sustain you until lunch.

### **ARRIVAL AT ST. EDMUND HALL**

This is always a bit of a scramble. Please stay with your bags until they are delivered to your room. Student porters will quickly move the luggage from the public sidewalk into the college courtyard. If you move your own bags, please do not place them on the grass.

The student porters will assist in locating your rooms and moving luggage. I will send luggage tags prior to departure for you to place on your luggage to quickly identify room assignments for the students. Once again, I suggest staying with your luggage. Please note, the students work for tips. A suggested tip amount is £1 per bag as a guide, but this is entirely at your discretion.

### **ROOM KEYS**

Room keys will be distributed upon arrival at the college. The "keys" are small metal cards that slide into an opening on the bottom of the lock on your door. Keep pushing the key up into the lock until you hear a "click", then turn the knob. Check the door each time you leave to make sure it is secure. These "fancy" locks tend to be tricky, but with a little patience you will quickly be a pro. **PLEASE LOCK YOUR DOOR EACH TIME YOU GO OUT - EVEN FOR SHORT TRIPS DOWN THE HALL OR WHEN YOU TAKE A NAP. KEEP VALUABLES OUT OF SIGHT.**

The code for the laundry room and the after-hours night entrance on the High Street will be given to you at Sunday evening's orientation session after arrival. The night entrance is an "iron maiden" turn style in an alley about 50 yards east of Queens Lane on the High Street. The main entrance to St. Edmund Hall on Queen's Lane is locked at 11:00 p.m., after which you must use the night entrance.

### **AFTER ARRIVAL AND GETTING SETTLED IN YOUR ROOM**

The group usually divides into two groups. One group heads out to Queen's Lane, turns right and weaves its way down Queens and New College Lanes past Sir Edmund Halley's home, turns right down the very narrow alley (just before the ornate overhead passageway) and heads for the Turf Tavern for some pub food and drink. The other group, contrary to my sound advice, takes a nap until dinner.

## MEALS

All meals are served in Wolfson Hall. A full English breakfast is served at 8 a.m. everyday. Late risers will be treated to cereal, toast and juice available until 9 a.m. Lunch is only served on seminar days (see the schedule for times). The only dinner included in the travel package is served at 6:00 p.m. on the Sunday night of arrival following the orientation session.

## RECEPTIONS

Monday, August 3, 7:00 p.m., A Wine and Cheese Party in the College Graveyard weather permitting. ***A Group picture will be taken at approximately 6:30 p.m. prior to the reception.***

Thursday, August 13, 7 p.m., A Farewell Reception, location to be announced.

## ATTIRE:

Dress for the receptions range from business casual to suit, tie and dresses. Dress is informal for the class sessions and for most of the events. The occasions that require “business attire” (sports coat, tie, slacks or a dress) are the visits to the courts.

## LOCATION OF CLASSES

Classes begin at 9:00 a.m., Monday, the first week in the JCR Party room located directly next to the dining hall. On seminar days a mid-morning coffee break is scheduled from 10:15-10:30 a.m. in Wolfson hall except when we visit the Oxford Crown Court and the visit to London. Seminar material will be handed out prior to the start of the first session.

## GROUP ORIENTATION SESSION, Sunday evening of arrival 5:30 p.m. for everyone.

It is very important that **everyone** attend this meeting. At this time, group organizers will present a short program designed to provide you with final schedule information, train and bus schedules, theatre information, banking information, health and safety information, and locations of things to see and do in Oxford and elsewhere. We will provide instructions to the group on access to internet and the location of the computer lab. We will also be available at this time to address any of your questions. Dinner will be served in Wolfson hall following the orientation.

## FREE PERIOD:

**No lectures from Thursday, August 6 through Monday, August 10. Breakfast served everyday. No lunch served during this period.** Information on optional day trips will follow in the participant information packet.

*“Many participants travel during the break and some find it helpful to make advanced reservations while others find it more enjoyable to be spontaneous. Many participants make day trips from Oxford. There is much to do in Oxford and nearby without making other overnight accommodations.”*

previous attendee comment

## LONDON GROUP TRIP

A group trip to London is included in the travel package and is scheduled for the Wednesday, August 12. After the planned tours in the morning, the group disbands and individuals are free to sight see until after then theaters adjourn. You will have plenty of free time to shop, grab a good meal and see a London show. The group bus back to Oxford will meet us in the West End Theater district on Haymarket across from Her Majesty’s Theater at approximately 10:30-11 p.m. Travel light. You will not be able to leave your items on the bus. Do not leave your show early just to catch the bus! If you think your show will go long or you have to travel a long way to your theater, please advise the group coordinator to hold the bus back to Oxford for you. If you plan to deviate from the group plans, please advise the coordinator.

## OPTIONAL SIDE TRIPS

Stratford-upon-Avon, Blenheim, Warwick Castle, all day group trip Thursday, August 6. *If you are interested in going on this trip, please contact Daniel McCarroll 816-235-1648 or [mccarrolld@umkc.edu](mailto:mccarrolld@umkc.edu).* Cost will be approximately \$30 per person for transportation only. Tickets to Blenheim, Warwick and the Royal Shakespeare Theater are the responsibility of the individual.

### **INFORMATION ABOUT ST. EDMUND HALL:**

**LAUNDRY** - Washers and dryers are available in the basement of White Hall. Entrance is a few feet in front of the Staircase VIII entrance. It takes two or three cycles to dry a normal load. The machines are activated via a card you can purchase in the Bursar's office. After obtaining the card, you will need to put £10 on it in the machine in the Porter's Lodge. Previous group members have "shared" their cards with one another.

**PHONES**- St. Edmund Hall has telephones in the rooms. These phones work with telephone cards that can be purchased from local newsagents and other retailers. These phones have direct dial access and the college will provide instructions on telephone usage upon arrival. Note that if you purchase pre-paid phone cards in the U.S. most will use up your minutes at a rate of 4:1 (i.e., if your card is a 60-minutes U.S. card, you will receive only 15 minutes calling time from the U.K. to the U.S.)

To dial direct to Oxford (St. Edmund Hall) from the U.S., dial 011-441-865-279-000 (Porter's Lodge) or 011-441-865-279-006 (Bursary); fax number 011-441-865-279-089. Faxes should be marked to your attention. The porter's lodge will collect at delivery a per page charge for faxes.

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**MAIL:** St. Edmund Hall  
Queens Lane and High Street  
Oxford OX1 4AR  
England  
"Air Mail."

**COMPUTER LAB** - Bessie I.3. The group user name and password will be distributed at Sunday night's orientation session. We have 24/7 access to this lab. You may also get internet access for your laptop in your room by getting a password from the Bursar's office on Monday for approximately £10. There is no wireless internet service at St. Edmund Hall.

**TAXIS** - Taxis can be called from the Porter's Lodge. They usually arrive very promptly.

**MISCELLANEOUS** - There is a TV in the party room downstairs next to our classroom and in the Buttery (pub) located in the college's front courtyard. You can't miss it! There is a sandwich shop at the corner of Queen's Lane and the High Street. A newsstand is 1/2 block left on High Street from Queen's Lane on the same side of the road as St. Edmund's.

### **EMERGENCIES**

Contact the Porter's Lodge from room dial 79000. Emergency numbers are 999 or 5552 (24 hrs.) or 57347 (days).

### **ELECTRICAL CONVERTERS**

These are necessary for England's 220-volt current. Keep in mind you need a converter to convert the 220 voltage in the U.K. to the 110 configured U.S. appliances. In addition to the converter you will need appropriate adapters to adapt your American plug to fit the British wall receptacles. Please note, if your appliance does not work the wall receptacles sometimes have "on" and "off" switches. Make sure the switch is in the "live" position before calling for assistance.

### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

<http://megabus.com/uk/> round trip bus ride from Oxford to Victoria Station was only 5 pounds  
Eastgate Hotel, Oxford 011-441-865-248-244 (across the High from St. Ed. Hall)  
The Old Bank Hotel 011-441-865-799-599 (across the High from St. Ed. Hall)  
Fire, Ambulance, Emergency 999

Directory Assistance 192

Operator, International 155

Operator 100

Oxford Bus Station 011-441-865-711-312 (office 395 Cowley Rd., Oxford OX4 2DJ, phone 774-611

Oxford Information Center, Oxford, England, phone 011-441-865-252-200 (to obtain local phone numbers), dial 192

Oxford Train Station 011-441-865-722-333; 011-441-345-484-950

Oxford X-70 (airport) Bus Schedule recording 011-441-865-722-270

Randolph Hotel, Oxford 011-441-865-247-481

Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford (local#) 011-441-789-295-623

While violent crime is less likely in English cities than American cities, pickpocketing and theft from hotel rooms and dwellings is a serious problem. Be very mindful of people near you in a crowd or in the street, and please lock your room at all times (even during short visits down the hall) and keep your valuables out of sight.

### **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

The bus TO London stops on St. Edmund Hall's side of the High Street at Queens Lane. The bus FROM London stops on the other side of the High Street across from Queens Lane. Bus drivers do make change.

*“Participants find it convenient to make day trips into London on either of two bus lines offering 1 ½ hour express trips between London and Oxford.” previous attendee comment*

The train station is a five-minute cab ride or a 30-minute walk. The train to London takes you to Paddington Station. This is the only London station serving Oxford. Upon arrival at Paddington, you can enter the London tube system without leaving Paddington Station. Just follow the signs. Express trains between London and Oxford take 55 minutes. Other trains take longer and involve stops and changes of train. Information about trains is expressed in terms of track or platform number and time of departure. They rigorously adhere to British Rail schedules.

The London tube system and British Rail are easy to use. Just tell the person selling the tickets where you want to go, and he or she will tell you how much and at which stations you change trains. Just follow the signs at the various platforms. At every point in the tube system where you have to make a decision, there will be two lists of stations. Simply look for the list with the name of the station, which is your immediate destination, and follow the arrow. In each train are system maps so you can verify you are on the right train by comparing the names of intermediate stops with names on the system map to make sure you are heading for the correct destination. I always verify by asking other people standing on the platform if I am in the right place. Unlike New Yorkers, Londoners are typically very patient and helpful and quite accustomed to tourist questions. By the way, on British Rail and in the tube, save your tickets as they are turned in or displayed at the end of the ride, not collected at the beginning or on the train.

If you rent a car, please wear seat belts as this is required for front seat occupants and police are serious about fining people for this infraction. Also DWI is a very serious crime in England. Please designate a driver, and do not drink and drive!

There are a multitude of travel agencies in Oxford. Any one of them will be happy to assist you in making your arrangements.

### **OXFORD SHOPPING, SIGHTSEEING & MISCELLANEOUS THINGS TO DO:**

There are some "must do" things while you are in Oxford:

1. A visit to the Turf Tavern.
2. A visit to Browns Restaurant on the west side of St. Giles Street, north of the Ashmolean Museum.
3. A climb to the top of St. Mary's --dangerous, but spectacular view overlooking the city of Oxford. Some advice, wear good walking shoes, not sandals or heels!
4. A visit to the Ashmolean Museum-it's free!
5. A visit to the Science Museum.
6. A visit to the Pitt Museum.

7. A visit to the Covered Market
8. A walk by Sir Edmund Halley's house.
9. A visit to Blenheim Palace in nearby Woodstock. Have high tea in the formal gardens.
10. Go punting on the river next to Magdalene College bridge.
11. Walk by Radcliffe Camera and as many of the colleges as you can locate.
12. Go see a movie at the movie house (contains 3 theatres) near the bus station or at the Cannon Cinemas on the west side of Cornmarket Street about 1/2 block south of the Ashmolean.
13. Walk north past the Ashmolean Museum (Woodstock Road) up to Polstead Road and turn left. Lawrence of Arabia's home will be on your right. There is a small plaque in front of this brick home.
14. Take a walk through the Botanical Garden (very beautiful if there has been enough rain) across the street and east of St. Ed's several blocks.
15. Drink warm beer or hard cider Oxford's many pubs. On hot days, try a shandy (half sparkling lemonade, half ale).
16. Get tickets to an outdoor Shakespeare performance put on in the evenings. Dress very warmly. Tickets can be obtained at various outlets. Refer to the placards posted on the sidewalks.
17. A visit to the Blackwell's Bookstore, Dillon's Bookstore and the huge downtown Borders is a MUST!
18. Have an expensive, upper class supper at the Randolph.
19. There is a Selfridges in Oxford for upscale shopping and Marks & Spencer for food and clothing items. There are a number of "flea markets." Ask around for locations and days they are open.
20. See the 25-foot long shark sticking out of the roof of a dwelling. (Does Oxford have zoning or land use regulations!)
21. Visit Oxford Union Debating Chamber off Cornmarket Street.
22. If you are so inclined, you might attend Evensong at one of the Oxford churches. Evensong at Christ Church College Cathedral, for example, occurs at 6 p.m. every day. I am told it is a 45-minute service with a beautiful choir.
23. Grocery store. Sainsbury on St. Giles.

### **VAT-Value Added Tax 17.5%**

The "Value Added Tax" is a 17.5% national sales tax. Tourists can get a refund of the VAT by following the purchase minimum which varies by store but usually £35 and up. If you don't reach the minimum in one trip it may be reached in increments so save all of your receipts then go back to that store before you leave, show them all of your receipts and ask for a form.

*At departure, You should turn your completely filled in VAT refund form at the appropriate counter in the airport before you go to the gate.* Pack your VAT refund purchases in one bag just in case they ask to see the purchases. Have accurate records and keep receipts. In August, expect to que and wait so be patient. The refund is rarely the complete 17.5%, maybe 10%. Still, it may be worth it should you have several hundred (or thousand) dollars worth of purchases.

### **A FEW OXFORD RESTAURANTS I RECOMMEND:**

Ask Restaurant, Italian cuisine, 5 George Street, Oxford on the way to the bus station, no reservations needed.  
 Quod Bar and Grill, in The Old Bank building across the street from St. Edmund Hall  
 Randolph Hotel Dining Room - Expensive and elegant. On the corner across the street from the Ashmolean Museum.  
 Bath Place Hotel, Holywell Street, 01865 791812 (first class award winning restaurant open to non-residents: rated in the Michelin Guide, Good Food Guide and Egon Ronay)  
 Browns Restaurant, St. Giles Rd. (A couple of blocks north of the Ashmolean). Phone 511995-great food, good fun, terrific ambiance, sometimes a long wait, but worth it.  
 LePetit Blanc Brasserie, 71-72 Walton Street, Oxford, tele. 510-999.  
 Fishers Restaurant, to the left on the High, past Magdalen bridge, keep to your left, ½ block after you turn the corner.  
 The Turf, the Whitehorse, the Turl, almost all of the pubs have reasonably priced, authentic pub food.

### **SOME OXFORD MUSEUMS**

Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St., 512651, Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 2 - 4 p.m.

History of Science Museum, Broad St., 243997, Monday - Friday 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Museum of Oxford, St. Aldates, 815559, Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Museum of Modern Art, Pembroke St., 722733, Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

### **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE, STRATFORD-UPON-AVON:**

To book RST tickets by mail write Box Office, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV 37 6BB and enclose a large self-addressed postage paid (air mail) envelope. Pay by Sterling cheque, Eurocheque or Dollar cheque, all available (supposedly) at your bank. For 5 Pounds, RST will put you on their mailing list for a year. Other useful RST numbers:

all bookings 011-441-789-295-623; or 011-441-789-403-403; fax 011-441-789-403-413; 24-hour ticket availability information 011-441-789-269-191

Backstage Tours Bookings 011-441-789-412-602

Restaurant Reservations, 011-441-789-293-226; fax 011-441-789-295-333

Note RST does offer standby (unsold) tickets just before curtain time at reduced rates.

*“To ensure tickets for a play in Stratford-upon-Avon, order...alternatively, you may prefer to wait until arrival in Stratford and take the chance...Trip is optional. To ensure a ticket in London, many participants prefer to wait until arrival in London and select from half price tickets available.”* previous attendee comment

### **LONDON SHOPPING AND SIGHTSEEING:**

If you're interested in antiques, visit Portobello Road. Take tube to Notting Hill Gate tube station, walk north on Pembridge then turn left on Portobello. More antiques on Petticoat Lane. Take train to Liverpool Street Station and walk east. More antiques at Camden Passage. Take tube to Angel tube stop.

To see the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, take train to Victoria Station and walk north a couple of blocks. Check schedule, as the full ceremonial changing of the guard is not done every day. Arrive extra early and get positioned at northern end of iron fence for good picture taking. Expect heavy crowds.

Harrods Department Store is located at the Knightsbridge tube stop.

The Crown Jewels can be viewed in the Tower of London. Take the tube to the Tower Hill tube station. Arrive early and expect to wait in line for tickets. Be patient-it's worth it. While at the Tower, don't forget to get a photo of the famous Tower Bridge, which will be to your left as you look across the Thames. The London Bridge, which is to your right, is a modern bridge; the original London Bridge is in Arizona.

The Houses of Parliament, Big Ben and Westminster Abbey are next to the Westminster tube station, or take the train to Waterloo Station and walk west across the bridge.

The Law Courts and Inns of Court are adjacent to the Chancery Lane tube station.

Theatre district is convenient to Picadilly Circus and Leicester Square tube stops.

Madame Tussaud's and the Planetarium are located at the Baker Street tube stop.

Experience first class Jazz at the famous Ronnie Scott's in Soho district.

### **LONDON MUSEUMS:**

The British Museum has many notable exhibits including the famous Rosetta Stone. It contains one of the finest collections of ancient Egyptian artifacts in the world. Tottenham Court Road tube station. Near University of London and famous Dillon's bookstore, a feast for the inquiring intellect.

Imperial War Museum. This is a "must see" for military buffs. (Lambeth North tube station and walk south.)

RAF-Battle of Britain Museums. It contains many WWII and modern aircraft and interesting "hands on" exhibits. It has a cafeteria if you get hungry. No other eating establishments are close by. (Located at the RAF base at Hendon. Take Northern Line tube to Colindale tube stop. Exit tube station and turn left down road. Walk about 1/4 mile to entrance which will be on your right.)

Natural History, Victoria and Albert, Science, Geological, Royal College of Music - Museum of Instruments. All reachable from South Kensington tube station.

Art Museums: The National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery. The Gallery is across the street from Trafalgar Square. (Charing Cross tube station). Tate Britain and Tate Modern, RST Globe

Greenwich National Maritime Museum, Royal Observatory with Harrisons Clocks which first accurately measured longitude. Trafalgar Square and the Museum of London.

### **DEPARTURE FROM ST. EDMUND HALL:**

Please pack the Friday night before the Saturday departure. We will announce departure times and when luggage should be brought down to the courtyard. Student porters will be available to help remove luggage from your rooms. A staff member will watch your luggage at all times. Once your luggage is loaded on the bus, you will not have access to it until it is unloaded at the airport. Please keep on your person anything you will need on the bus trip to the airport (i.e., medication, snacks, etc.) *Don't forget to turn in your room keys at the porter's lodge.* A £30 fee will be charged for lost keys.

### **U.S. CUSTOMS INFORMATION**

There is no duty if total value of items does not exceed \$400 per person. Duty free exemption can only be used once in each 30 days. If you bring in \$401 to 1400 in value, duty is 10% (generally) on amount over \$400. Above \$1400, duty varies. Families traveling together can pool their exemptions, so a family of 4 (regardless of ages of family members) can bring in \$1600 in value duty free. For answers to specific customs questions, call (Chicago) (312) 353-6100.

### **OUR JOB IS TO PLEASE YOU**

If there is anything we can do to enhance your enjoyment of this trip, make it more educational or to provide assistance in any way, please let us know.

***See you Oxford!!!***