



St. Paul's School

MANIBUS POTENTIA STUDIUM ANIMIS

26th August 2014

Dear Parents,

THIMUN 2015

For a number of years now, St. Paul's has been attending The Hague International Model United Nations Conference in the Netherlands (THIMUN). THIMUN is a highly prestigious one week simulation of the United Nations for secondary school pupils, that takes place at The Netherlands Congress Centre in The Hague. It is a truly global experience, attracting approximately 4,000 pupils and MUN Directors from around 200 international schools, from Iceland to Australia. The objective is to seek, through discussion, negotiation and debate, solutions to the various problems of the world: questions of human rights, protection of the environment, economic development, disarmament, as well as the more critical issues of war and peace. Such is the profile of THIMUN that in previous years the Conference has been attended by former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and many members of the Dutch royal family.

The cost of the Conference will include return flights from São Paulo to Amsterdam, one week's excellent hotel accommodation in The Hague with breakfast and lunch, insurance, all public transport in The Hague and surrounding cities, a cultural trip to Amsterdam and conference fees. We are currently putting together a quote for the above but, with the uncertainty over exchange rates, the exact cost is difficult to predict at this moment. Certainly, the earlier that we are able to confirm our final group, the lower airfares will be. Currently, the cost is **estimated at US\$3,100.00** (including air tickets). However, payments are made over five months on the School Bill. Please note: once the commitment is made to purchase a ticket through the school, no refunds, beyond that offered by the airline, will be available.

The dates of the Conference next year are January 25th-30th 2015. We will be leaving on Friday 23rd and returning on Saturday 31st 2015. Please note that the conference takes place during first week of classes. It is an expectation that class and homework missed are completed.

Please indicate that you give your permission by completing and returning to me the slip at the bottom of this letter **no later than August 29th**. We will be arranging a briefing meeting for parents in a few weeks, but should you require any further details in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

MEDICAL INFORMATION: It is vital that parents make sure the medical information we hold about your child is up-to-date and contains all the relevant information for going on this expedition. Parents can view the medical information we hold for their children on our confidential online database:

parents.stpauls.br

If you have forgotten your username and password please email cmk@stpauls.br.

Yours sincerely,



Celia Leu: cel@stpauls.br
MUN Director



**VIAGEM DE THIMUN À HAIA,
SEXTA-FEIRA 23 À SÁBADO 31 DE JANEIRO 2015**

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**THIMUN TRIP TO THE HAGUE,
FRIDAY 23TH – SATURDAY 31ST, 2015**

CANHOTO DE PERMISSÃO

CONSENT FORM (*To be returned by Friday 29th August to Mrs. Leu*)

Eu concedo minha permissão ao meu filho/minha filha a participar da viagem de campo acima. Entendo e estou de acordo que, enquanto meu filho/minha filha estiver acompanhando a viagem de campo, qualquer membro acadêmico da Escola Britânica de São Paulo pode autorizar que ele/ela receba tratamento médico. Eu também confirmo que as informações médicas do meu filho/milha filha que a escola mantém no Schoolbase on-line são precisas (parents.stpauls.br).

I give my permission for my son/daughter to attend the above field course. I understand that whilst my son or daughter is taking part in the Field Course, that any member of St. Paul's School staff may need to give permission for them to receive Medical Treatment, and agree to this. I can also confirm that my child's medical information that the School holds on Schoolbase Online is accurate (parents.stpauls.br).

Nome do aluno | *Pupil's name* _____

Assinatura | *Signed* _____

Data | *Date* _____

It must be emphasised that, as well as being an exciting experience for your son/daughter they will be representing St. Paul's School. It is imperative that the pupils understand the need to abide by instructions to ensure their own safety and the smooth running of this field trip. Should pupils decide not to abide by these expectations then the possibility exists that they may be returned home at the parents' expense. We would be grateful if you could reinforce this message at home.

Pupil's Signature _____