Dear Round Square colleagues,

Thank you very much for your responses to Mailouts One, Two and Three. This is the penultimate Mailout before you pack and begin the journey to the fascinating fabric that is the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Thank you for your responses to a plethora of letters concerning the International Evening, passports and delegates’ names – we are nearly there and very happy to know that you are nearly on your way.

The region is certainly in the news – daily and in all media. The conference program is very carefully planned and, at no time will delegates be placed in any danger. We will have assistance from the highest echelons of security at all times. May we draw your attention to the letter sent to the Round Square Community by Rod Fraser, less than a month ago, as it continues to be helpful when you have questions from your own community:

"As far as security in Jordan is concerned, both the host School and Round Square are monitoring the situation carefully. In speaking with the Head of King’s Academy, John Austin, recently he was able to confirm that the School is operating its summer activity programs without restriction and is anticipating a normal return of Students in mid-August. We maintain a watching brief on all travel alerts in the UK, in Jordan and in other parts of the world, and will remain in constant contact with the School which has access to their own high level security information and intelligence. There is currently no direct advice to avoid travel to Jordan, other than specific areas close to the Syrian border. The Conference program is cognisant of the region and has been constructed to minimise any potential exposure to risk.

Whilst we anticipate that Schools will also be maintaining their own independent research, based on all current information to hand Round Square sees no reason why the Conference should not continue as planned. Should matters change at any time, I will be in contact with Members following appropriate consultation with the Board of Trustees and the host School."

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Below, please find several important points to consider:

1. **Visas/Passports/Ticket confirmation**
   - Please be certain to have checked the status of your nationality. You need to be certain that you are entitled to a visa on arrival as the airline will not allow you to board should they be uncertain of your visa status.
   - Please bring copies of the passports of your delegation members – each member’s passport needs to be copied and handed in at registration.
   - Please hand in copies of your delegation members’ return flights at registration. With these, we will be able to confirm departure times.
   - Those who are able to purchase a visa on arrival should be aware that these cost 40 JD per person. There is an exchange in the immigration section of Queen Alia International Airport. We suggest that you use Euros, GBP or USD as your forex for exchange. The rates are the same throughout the kingdom.

2. **Travel Plans**
   a. **Flight Details:** Please send us your travel plans (arrival and departure dates and times as well as flight numbers) as soon as possible. This will allow us to meet you on time!
   b. **Medical and Travel Insurance:** Please scan and send these to us at your earliest convenience as we need to have them.

3. **Refund Policy**

   We continue to remind you of the refund policy as written out under the Registration tab on the conference website (http://www.kingsacademy.edu.jo/rsic-2014/register-online).
4. Release Forms

If you have not yet submitted the release forms for your delegation, we would be most appreciative if you would do so at your earliest convenience. The forms can be found on the conference website at this link: http://www.kingsacademy.edu.jo/rsic-2014/conference-details/waivers

5. Conference Risk Assessment

This is on the website and is constantly being updated, so please access it regularly at http://www.kingsacademy.edu.jo/rsic-2014/conference-details/risk-assessments.

6. Draft Conference Program

- The draft program is on the website at http://www.kingsacademy.edu.jo/rsic-2014/conference-details/draft-program
- All speakers will be announced shortly after registration

7. Flag Ceremony

- Please ensure that you send us the name of your flag bearer as soon as possible.
- Please pack the flag in your carry-on luggage as the opening ceremony is within hours of arriving.
- Please hand the flag in at registration. We will attach your flag to the pole. There will be a rehearsal before the opening ceremony, so please ensure that your flag bearer signs in at the labelled desk at registration. He/she will be accompanied by a member of the King’s Academy Shabab Al Salaam and shown where to be for the rehearsal.

8. AN IMPORTANT REQUEST!

Please send us an iconic picture that you feel portrays the spirit of your school. We wish to use this in the flag ceremony. The picture should be jpeg or tiff format and have a resolution of 300 dpi.

9. A Gentle Reminder: Thoughts to Turn the Conference Wheel

- Roy McComish RS Art: Expressing Thought Together
- Cultural Performances: Making Magic Together
- Stories from Around the World
- Making Music from Discarded Materials
10. Communication During the Conference and Mobile Phone Etiquette

- Each RS Representative will be given a Jordanian SIM card for their mobile phone. If there is an incompatibility problem then we will give you a phone with a SIM card in it. This is to ensure that the Office of Student Life can be in touch with you at all times: night and day. Please bring your charger with you (we will supply chargers for phones that we lend you) and please have your phone on at all times that you are separated from your students (i.e. nights in particular).
- We urge you to talk to your delegates about mobile phone etiquette during ceremonies and speaker sessions and that you ensure they understand that mobile phones are not allowed in our auditorium. It is imperative that all delegates adhere to this policy.
- There will be official school photographers at all events and you will be able to download the conference photos from the link that we will make available at the end of the conference. We are happy to answer any questions and thank you for your cooperation in this cyber-connected world of instant access to anything!
- Should you wish to have international access on your mobile phones, please be sure to have them unlocked prior to your arrival.
- We will link you to wi-fi while you are on campus. We will also offer you access to a computer lab on campus. Hotels in Madaba also have internet access.
- The guardians of the conference and the Shabab Al Salam have created a Facebook page. We hope that delegates will use this page to connect even before the conference and, that such a connection will enhance their short week together in Jordan. The link to the RSIC 2014 Facebook page is www.facebook.com/RSICJO. Please share it with delegates and have them like our page!

11. Petra – Adventure Day: Schools travel as delegations from King’s Academy to the overnight experience in Petra.

- 10.00 am: We will travel down to Petra on the morning of Friday, October 10. We go through Shobak to see the great crusader castle and experience southern Jordanian hospitality.
- 4.30 pm: We settle into designated hotels in Wadi Musa. The entire delegation of a school will be at the same hotel. Students will be in double and triple rooms depending on the gender breakdown of the group. Adults will be in single and double rooms as close to their student delegation as is possible.
- We suggest that you all have an early night as the next day will be extraordinary, long and hot!
- Wadi Musa is the town at the entrance to the world heritage site, Petra. It is a small town filled with curio shops and restaurants – a fair amount of night life in a small area. We ask that RS representatives take care of their own delegations whilst in Wadi Musa and in the hotel. It is simply more sensible as you know your own far better than we do!
- We will have Arabic speakers in each hotel and will ensure that you are well looked after and that all queries are met.
- On registration, you will be asked to select one of the following walk-abouts.
• On a scale of 1 to 5 (where 5 is the hardest – a steep climb, in places exposed, but a good path) and 1 is simply a walk through Petra on a well-worn path (shops and monuments)

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Further descriptions will be given at registration on October 7, 2014.

**Remember that well-worn hiking/walking/trekking shoes will make the day more enjoyable!**

Descent from the High Place of Sacrifice  
View of the Treasury (Al Khazneh) from Khubtha viewpoint
12. What to Bring

The conference week is studded with a variety of activities: service projects (building/painting/games), adventure in Petra, floating in the Dead Sea, a dance party and, simply being on campus.

Average temperatures in Jordan in October:
- low 11 C high 28 C
- low 51 F high 82 F

What you will need:

- School uniform/formal dress (opening and closing ceremonies)
- Casual/appropriate clothing for general every day wear and for travel days (arrival and departure). Please be kind enough to honor the dress code in our part of the world – skimpy tops and shorts are simply not acceptable nor, appropriate. Do not hesitate to write to ask should you have concerns. You will be asked to wear a conference t-shirt for the conference photograph - plan to team it with jeans/trausers/skirts.
- Long-sleeved shirts and long trousers are as essential for the service projects as are HATS. Gloves will be provided.
- Student dance party wear (this will be held outdoors). Evenings are coolish but never cold and the music is energizing!
- For Petra, we recommend comfortable, well-worn in walking/hiking/trekking shoes (sandals are not useful). Don’t forget your HAT! And comfortable trousers, shirt and a warm hoodie/pullover/jumper/fleece for the evening as you will be in the desert under the stars… and it does get cold at night.
- Dead Sea: swim/bathing suit ( one-piece), shoes in which you can swim ( Tevas) (something that you not mind being soaked in very salty water and something that is strapped onto your feet)
- National dress (if you choose to do so) as you enchant the conference at the International Cultural Evening and International Dinner.
- Arab Evening will be outdoors, with dancing, food, drums and fun. Be comfortable and wear layers!
- For sporting/athletic activities, wear comfortable closed-toed shoes/casual shirts/t-shirts and basketball shorts etc.
- A 20 liter (carry-on size) rucksack or day pack that you can use overnight in Petra
- Generally be comfortable, be appropriate and think in terms of layers.

Please do not forget:

- Passport and two photocopies of the passport, one copy to be handed in on arrival, and the other to be kept on your person at all times. RS Representatives are asked to care for the passports of their delegations. RS adults are responsible for their own passports.
- Travel/medical insurance details. Please bring two copies of these forms (one for you and one for us)
- Personal medicines including asthma pumps, epipens – or any anti-allergy medicine that you might need
- Personal hygiene articles (shampoo/toothpaste/soap)
- Insect repellent and after-sting cream
- Eyewear: Glasses/Sunglasses/contact lenses and solutions. Note that you **cannot** wear contact lenses in the Dead Sea – please make another plan should you wish to float on the Dead Sea. Bathing towels will be provided at the Dead Sea Spa
- Sunscreen of your choice
- Hand sanitizer and wet wipes
- For students living on campus, a towel for showering, soap and flipflops

We will always help you should you forget something or should your suitcase be mislaid!

We look forward to meeting you soon!

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With best wishes for safe travels to King’s Academy.

Yours sincerely,

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