

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Re: Proposed New York and Washington DC Trip 15th - 20th February 2021

I am pleased to share with you the Politics department's February half term trip to New York and Washington DC in 2021; visiting two American cities which are home to some of the world's most influential institutions. The trip provides fantastic opportunities that complement a number of A Level courses including Politics and Geography which look at global politics and globalisation. There will also be opportunities for sight-seeing, shopping and the opportunity to watch a show on Broadway.

The price of the trip will be in the region of £1575 per student. This includes return flights to New York from London, airport transfers, accommodation in New York and Washington DC, transport between New York and Washington DC, two meals a day, pre-booked visits and tours, a Broadway show, ice-skating in central park and numerous site-seeing opportunities. Whilst elements of the itinerary cannot be confirmed due to limits to the extent bookings can be made in advance, the intention is for the itinerary to include visits to the 9/11 museum, Liberty & Ellis Island, the United Nations, the United States Institute of Peace, the IMF and World Bank visitor centres and the White House visitor centre.

This trip has been open to Politics students in Year 12; but as there are a number of places still available it is now being offered to students in Year 9-12. Places will be allocated on a **'first-come, first served'** basis in terms of deposits paid. A non-refundable deposit payment of £150.00 is required by no later than Thursday 28th November 2019. In order to ensure fairness on this occasion, all deposits must be paid via **WisePay which will be opened for payments at 1.00pm on Monday 25th November.** Please note that any cheques received will be returned. Please ensure that you have access to WisePay in advance of this date; if you have any difficulties, or concerns over this payment, please contact Mrs Howley in the Finance Office at your earliest opportunity.

In the first instance we will be offering 20 places, after these are gone students are encouraged to see Mr Sainsbury to have their names put onto a waiting list. If there is sufficient surplus interest we may be able to expand the trip to accommodate some, or all, of the students who are on the waiting list.

Please note it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure they are familiar with the ESTA/VISA entry requirements of the USA and to ensure that all relevant travel documentation is acquired.

You will understand that staff remain *in loco parentis* throughout the duration of all school trips. We will need to be confident that each pupil will respond to this expectation, and those who have not demonstrated a sufficiently good record of behaviour may forfeit the opportunity to join the trip.

If you have any further questions regarding the trip, please contact me via the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr E Sainsbury
Teacher of Politics & Citizenship

