

18th April 2017

Dear parents/carers of students in Year 7

Y9 and KS4 Trip to New York – October half term 2018

A trip has been organised to New York for half term in October 2018. This is open to students who will be in Year 9 at the time. This is a one-off opportunity as it will be the last trip organised to NYC. The students applying for this trip need to be mature and confident.

The trip will have a 'cultural' focus in that we will spend time in art galleries, attend a musical show and look at the amazing architecture of New York as well as the obligatory shopping.

The trip will be for 4 nights and 6 days and departs early morning on the first Saturday of October half term 2018 and we will return on the Thursday morning. This trip is limited to 24 students and the cost of this trip will be £1,800.00. This includes a generous contingency for currency and flight cost fluctuations. Should these not materialise students will be given a refund or payments will be reduced.

I appreciate that this is a large sum of money but this is due to the many experiences we offer the students. We also ensure early morning and late evening flights as well as an all-inclusive trip staying at a central hotel.

- Coach transfers to and from KLS to Heathrow Airport
- Return flights to NYC with British Airways or similar airline
- Travel insurance
- Transfers from the airport to the hotel
- 4 night's accommodation with continental breakfast at the Hampton Inn, Manhattan. All rooms are en-suite with full facilities
- 7 day Metrocard allowing for travel on the subway and buses
- A lunch/snack allowance of £25-£30 / day in NYC
- Tour 'hoodie'
- Tickets for the Top of the Rock at the Rockefeller Centre, Empire State Building and the Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Ten pin bowling
- A guided 4 hour coach tour of Manhattan and Brooklyn
- A Broadway show such as Wicked or Matilda
- Evening meals on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at venues such as Bubba Gump's or Heartland brewery
- Airport allowance at JFK

The students will also visit Ground Zero Memorial Gardens, Statue of Liberty, Wall Street, South Street Seaport, Brooklyn Bridge, Grand Central Station, The Public Library and the shops of 5th Avenue, along with Central Park, the UN Building and Times Square.

In effect once the trip has been paid for all the students will have to find is some additional spending money for souvenirs/gifts.

The accommodation is in multi-bedded rooms with private facilities. The price is based on 4 students sharing a room with two double beds. The hotel is one we have previously stayed at and provides high quality accommodation and an excellent breakfast. It is also centrally located and an ideal base for the NYC sights.

Students will, at times, be 'loosely' supervised. For example, we will have pre-arranged meeting points. Therefore students need to be responsible and stay in groups of 3 or more.

Students who apply for the trip will have an interview prior to acceptance. Acceptance on the trip is at the discretion of the trip organiser and accompanying staff. We are limited to 24 places.

Students will need to make a firm commitment to attend meetings and must be up to date with their coursework as well as having excellent attendance at school. Any student who is accepted and is subsequently disruptive or poorly behaved at school will be removed from the trip at the discretion of Mr Lewis and Ms Jackson.

£400.00 is required by Monday 24th April 2017. The following payment schedule will then be in place:

- 30th May 2017 - £250.00
- 14th July 2017 - £250.00
- 30th September 2017- £250.00
- 3rd December 2017 - £250.00
- 27th February 2018 - £150.00
- 1st May 2018 - £250.00

Payments should be made by the online system. Should there be any money left from the contingency at the end of the trip then a refund will be given or allocated to students at the airport.

Students will need to have a valid passport with an expiry date of 6 months after travel i.e. April 2017. Parents will also have to obtain an American visa for their children. Details on how to do this will be provided nearer the time. The cost of this is \$14. Currently the passport will need to be ready by Easter 2018.

Places are not allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis – all applications will be considered equally.

Yours faithfully



Ms A Jackson
Trip Organiser

KS4 and KS5 visit to New York 2018

Please return to the Finance post box on the wall outside student hatch next to
Reception by 30th March 2017

Student _____ Tutor Group _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the above visit.

I understand that the deposit is non-refundable once my son/daughter has been offered a place. Future payments are non refundable should my son/daughter be unable to participate in the trip due to circumstances not covered by the insurance policy or removed from the trip as a consequence of very poor behavior.

I enclose a deposit of £400 and undertake to pay the balance by the specified dates.

My contact numbers during and after school hours are:

During school hours _____

After school hours _____

It is essential that you provide accurate medical information about your child, please complete relevant details below:

Signed: _____ Date _____
(Parent/Carer)

Payment Details:

The deposit for the trip is £400

- Online payment:** Please make payment using the school internet payment facility and return the permission slip.
- Please tick if you are not happy for any small surplus to go back into school funds.