

To: Parents/Carers of Year 11 and Year 12 Pupils

Our Ref: 87573213

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: A Level Visit to New York and Washington DC

We are pleased to be able to offer the opportunity of a visit to New York and Washington DC for students who are currently in Year 12 and prospective Year 12 students.

We will leave South Hunsley School on Saturday 26 October 2024 to fly from London to New York. We will spend three nights in New York before travelling by coach to Washington DC. We will then spend a night in Washington DC before returning on an overnight flight, arriving back on Wednesday 30 October. The visit will be organised through NST, a leading education travel company.

In New York, pupils will have the opportunity to visit all the famous sights of this great city. These sights include The Empire State Building, Central Park, The Statue of Liberty, Times Square, the 9/11 memorial and museum, the sight of the World Trade Centre, and of course, the Manhattan skyline itself. We will also visit the financial district, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and walk the Brooklyn Bridge.

From New York, we will travel to Washington DC by coach. We will travel via Philadelphia and enjoy a self-guided tour of this city – a former capital of the USA.

In Washington, we will visit the main government buildings, including the White House, the US Capitol and the Supreme Court. We will see major monuments and memorials as well as the National History Museum.

The total cost of the tour should be no more than **£1,700**. This price includes return flights, three nights' accommodation at the Cambria Hotel in Times Square, New York and the Days Inn by Wyndham in Washington DC, all coach travel in the UK and USA, the services of local guides, all entrance fees, comprehensive travel insurance, 4 large breakfasts and 3 evening meals in specially selected restaurants. Also included is the significant cost of the American custom of tipping waiters, guides and drivers.

We have been advised by NST that accommodation in the USA usually involves 4 students sharing a large room or suite. In New York it may be necessary for some same sex groups to share a room for 4 with 2 king size beds. In Washington, rooms for 4 students will have 4 beds. In spite of the spiralling costs of air and coach travel, we have negotiated a competitive price that we believe offers the best value for money of the educational packages available.

The trip provides an excellent opportunity for students to gain a deeper understanding of the workings of American culture, politics and business. If you would like your child to have a place on the trip, please complete the form below by **Thursday 26 October 2023**.

Register your interest here: <https://forms.office.com/e/d6P6eq8hBH>

Please note that this will not guarantee a place and no deposit will be required at this time. Should the number of students wishing to go exceed the number of places available, a draw will be held to determine the successful students.

If your child is successful in reserving a place on the trip, you will be informed by a separate letter confirming their place. A £300 non-refundable deposit then needs to be paid by **Friday 17 November 2023**. The final balance must be paid by 31 July 2024 (13 weeks prior to departure). The schedule of further payment dates will be as follows:

<b>Potential Payment Plan details:</b>	
Deposit – October 2023	£300
January 2024	£200
February 2024	£200
March 2024	£200
April 2024	£200
May 2024	£200
June 2024	£200
July 2024	£200

Please note that this visit is only open to students who will be studying at South Hunsley Sixth Form in the academic year 2024-2025 (current Year 11 and Year 12 students). If your child signs up for the visit and pays the initial deposit(s), and subsequently leaves South Hunsley School, they will no longer be able to attend the visit. In this situation, deposits will not be returned unless a reserve student can be found by the school to fill the place.

Should you wish to discuss further details in person, please do not hesitate to contact me here at the school. You may leave an email with your contact details so I can contact you at a mutually convenient time.

Yours faithfully



Paul White  
**Director of Sixth Form**