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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 13 History, Politics and Economics Educational Visit to USA 15-23 October 2027



Having just returned from this year's very successful visit, we are once again planning a trip to Washington D.C. and New York for **current Year 12 History, Government & Politics and Economics students** in October 2027 (when they will be in Year 13).



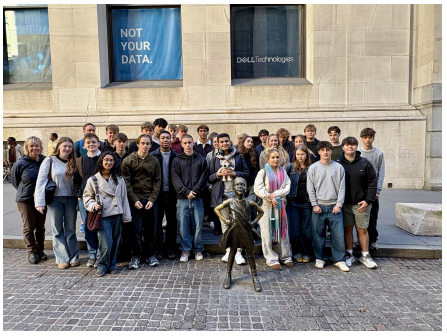
For **History** students, the trip will offer the opportunity to deepen their understanding of Civil Rights in America, which they will be studying for their NEA (non-examination assessment).
Government & Politics students will benefit from experiencing America during the Trump presidency and visiting key sites including Congress and the Supreme Court to aid their understanding of the US political system.
Economics students will have the opportunity to visit and learn about financial institutions including the World Bank, Wall Street and an investment bank.
For all, the trip will offer a wealth of insights into the history and culture of the United States and an enriching experience that they will remember for many years to come.



- We will leave at lunchtime on Friday 15 October (the last day of the first half of Autumn Term) and fly British Airways to Washington DC, arriving in the evening. We will stay at the Hyatt Place Hotel, which is within easy reach of all the sites we will visit, including: the U.S. Congress, the National Archive, the Museums of African-American History & Culture and American History, Georgetown and monuments in the National Mall and Tidal Basin.
- On Tuesday 19 October we will travel from Washington D.C. to New York by coach, stopping en route in Philadelphia.
- In New York we will stay at the Paramount Hotel near Times Square and visit sites including Ellis and Liberty Islands, the 9-11 Memorial, Wall Street, the United Nations and Rockefeller Centre as well as watching a Broadway show. There may even be time for shopping on Fifth Avenue…
- On Friday 22 October in the evening we will fly British Airways back to Heathrow, returning to Marlow around 1pm on Saturday 23 October.



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The trip is organised through Absolute Travel & Tours, a specialist in educational travel with whom we have worked on a number of successful trips, who are ATOL and ABTA protected. The total cost of the trip including all travel, tours, admission fees, insurance, accommodation and meals* will be £3,150 - £3,400 depending on the final number travelling.



To secure a place for your child on this trip, **please pay an initial deposit of £300 by 9am Wednesday 18 November** via ParentPay. If you need a copy of your activation details or are unable to access Parentpay please email parentpay@swbgs.com. Please note that places are **limited to 30** and offered on a first come, first served basis. Once the limit has been reached, the trip will no longer appear on your Parentpay, in which case please email if you would like to be put on a waitlist. Once the deadline has passed we will be able to confirm the final cost and provide a payment plan to spread the cost over the next 9 months.



Bursary Funds exist to assist Sixth Form Pupils with their studies. In order to assess the requirement as fully as possible, students seeking such support are to discuss their whole year requirements with their Sixth Form Support Officer before applying.

Please note that the deposit is a commitment to pay the full cost of the trip. If your child withdraws from the trip, we will endeavour to find a replacement to take their place, otherwise you will be required to pay the full cost. If your child is unable to travel once full payment has been made, a refund of recoverable costs will be made. If the trip has to be cancelled due to government restrictions, you will be refunded all recoverable costs.

Should you have any queries about the trip please email Mr Lofthouse via parents@swbgs.com.

Yours faithfully

Fiona Pryor
Head of Politics

Peter Mead
Head of History

Joe McNally
Head of Economics

**exclusions: travel on DC Metro/ NY Subway, lunches, dinner on first and last nights - around US$250*