

May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Key Stage 5 trip to Washington DC and New York, 24-31 March 2018

As part of the KS5 Enrichment, we are delighted to be able to run our popular excursion to Washington DC and New York. This trip will provide students with a greater awareness of American political institutions and history, as well as a cultural experience of two main centres of America. We have twenty places available for this and these will be allocated on a first first-come, first-served basis.

We will be leaving during the morning of Saturday 24 March 2018, travelling by coach before flying from Heathrow to Washington DC Dulles Airport. We will then be transferred to our accommodation. We shall be staying for three nights at the Harrington Hotel in Central Washington DC. Whilst there we will have the opportunity to explore some of the major sites in Washington – The Capitol, White House, Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Museum, the various national memorials and Arlington Cemetery.

From Washington DC we will travel by train to New York to begin the second leg of the trip. Again we will be staying at the Pennsylvania Hotel for three nights in the centre of New York. Whilst in New York we hope to take in Times Square, the United Nations Headquarters, Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Ground Zero Memorial, the Financial Quarter and Ellis Island. If possible, we will also take in a Broadway show and/or sporting event, if there is the interest. We will return to the UK, flying out of New York JFK Airport. We will arrive during the morning of Saturday 31 March 2018, before returning to school by coach.

This is a great opportunity and experience for your son/daughter to take part in. The overall cost for the visit is £1500. Students will also need to take spending money for food and any shopping in the USA. The cost covers flights, accommodation, internal transfers, insurance and the support structure of our travel company Euro Study Tours. The cost also includes a New York Pass which covers the costs of the major sights for one day. Final details of the exact timings will be provided in due course, as I am still finalising flight and transfer times with the company. There will also be a final itinerary issued nearer the time.

If you would like your child to go on this trip please logon to your child's account and pay via ParentPay. Alternatively, if you wish to pay by cash/cheque, please complete the reply slip below and return it to Student Reception, along with the deposit, placing it in a **sealed** envelope with your child's name, tutor group and the name of the trip on the front. (*Cheques should be made to Heanor Gate Science College*). Deposits must be paid by **Friday 16 June 2017**.

If you have any queries or would like further information regarding the trip, please feel free to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Matt Tyler
Achievement Leader for Year 8 and trip leader

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Name of student RG

I enclose £100 initial deposit for the above trip

Signed Date
(Parent/Carer)