



#### Dear Parent/Carer

Subject: Proposed School Trip to Washington D.C. & New York – May 2026

I am excited to share details of a proposed school trip to the United States in **May 2026**, offering students a fantastic opportunity to experience the historical, political, and cultural highlights of **Washington D.C.** and **New York City**.

The trip will be run by **Equity**, a reputable and well-established educational travel company that the school has successfully worked with in previous years.

## Travel Details:

 Outbound Flight: Thursday 21st May 2026 – London Heathrow (LHR) to Washington Dulles (IAD)

Departure: 12:55 | Arrival: 16:20 (local time)

 Return Flight: Tuesday 26th May 2026 – New York JFK to London Heathrow Departure: 21:00 | Arrival: 09:05 on Wednesday 27th May

# Accommodation:

- 3 nights in Washington D.C.: Comfort Inn Downtown DC
- 2 nights in New York City: Holiday Inn Express Midtown

# Cost Options:

- £1,970 based on bed-sharing (students share a bed with a friend of the same gender)
- £2,189 based on non-bed-sharing (students have their own bed in a shared room)

**Please note:** These prices are provisional and may change after a review once all responses have been received by **Friday 12**<sup>th</sup> **September 2025**.





# Next Steps:

To express interest and indicate your preference regarding the rooming options, please complete the following form:

Expression of Interest Form

# Please ensure all responses are submitted by Friday 12th September 2025.

A follow-up letter will be sent in the first week of term to confirm the final price and request a deposit.



## Provisional Itinerary (Condensed Overview):

#### Day 1 - Thurs 21 May:

- Flight to Washington D.C.
- Check-in and dinner at Hard Rock Café
- White House photo opportunity

## Day 2 - Fri 22 May:

- Guided tour of D.C. including Capitol, Supreme Court, and monuments
- Evening meal at Asia Nine

## Day 3 - Sat 23 May:

- Arlington Cemetery and Smithsonian museums
- Dinner at a local restaurant

#### Day 4 - Sun 24 May:

- Transfer to NYC via Philadelphia (visit Liberty Bell)
- Dinner at Bubba Gump & explore Times Square

## Day 5 - Mon 25 May:

Staten Island Ferry, 9/11 Memorial, UN tour, Broadway show

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#### Day 6 - Tues 26 May:

· Top of the Rock, free time, return flight from JFK

## Day 7 - Wed 27 May:

Arrival back in the UK

# What's Included:

#### **Excursions & Attractions:**

- White House Photo Opportunity
- 4-Hour Guided Walking Tour of Washington D.C.
- Washington National Mall
- Lincoln Memorial
- White House Visitor Center
- Capitol Building Guided Tour
- Library of Congress
- Supreme Court
- Arlington National Cemetery Guided Tour
- Smithsonian American History Museum
- Smithsonian Air & Space Museum
- Liberty Bell (Philadelphia stop)
- Times Square
- Staten Island Ferry
- 9/11 Memorial Museum (Self-Guided)
- United Nations Guided Tour
- Broadway Show
- Top of the Rock (Rockefeller Center)

# **Transport:**

- Coach transfer from Washington D.C. to New York (including 2-hour stop in Philadelphia)
- New York City Metro Ticket (valid for 7 days)

#### **Meals at Selected Restaurants:**

- Hard Rock Café Silver Menu
- Asia Nine
- Bubba Gump Shrimp Company Lt. Dan's Menu
- One additional local restaurant dinner in D.C. and in NYC

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#### Insurance:

 Comprehensive travel insurance provided by Endsleigh Insurance (for trips booked between 25/09/2024 and 24/09/2025)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to offering this exciting opportunity to our students.

Yours sincerely

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