



23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to inform you that we are offering a unique experience to those students in Year 9 who are currently studying history. We are making available the chance for your child to travel to New York. As well as being an enjoyable excursion it will help to deepen their understanding of American culture and history, which they have studied this year and will study in the future if they have opted for history at GCSE. However, not participating in the trip will not affect their chances of success at GCSE history.

The trip is being organised by Leisure World, a company that is reputable and very experienced at organising foreign tours for young people. The trip would depart during the May half term of 2019 (when they will be in Year 10; exact dates TBC). It will be a 5-day trip including coach travel to a London airport, followed by a flight to New York, 3 nights hotel accommodation and a night flight back, returning on day 5. The itinerary will include walking and coach tours of New York, among other attractions. These would include visits to Ellis and Liberty Islands; entrance into the Empire State Building, Central Park, a visit to Fifth Avenue shops, a ticket to a Broadway show and a ticket to a sporting event such as basketball or baseball. They will also visit the Hard Rock Café, Bubba Gump Shrimp and Planet Hollywood for evening meals.

The price for this trip will be £1225 per student. This is an inclusive price. It includes all travel costs, all hotel costs (3 star hotel minimum, in Manhattan), continental breakfasts and evening dinners, entrance to all attractions as stated in the itinerary and the full-time services of guides who will conduct the tours. It is possible that closer to the time there may be small changes to the cost. However, this will be minimal. Students will only need spending money for a lunch snack and drinks. We recommend that £15 - £20 a day would be plenty.

Unfortunately we only have a very limited number of places available on this trip. If you wish your child to take part in this experience then you need to fill in the consent form below and enclose a non-refundable deposit of £150. Cash or cheques, payable to Thamesmead School. Your child needs to return this to the Finance Office (Maths corridor) as soon as possible in order to guarantee their place. The rest of the cost can be spread out with the final payment needed by February 8<sup>th</sup> 2019.

June 2018 - £200; July 2018 - £100; Sept 2018 - £200; Oct 2018 - £100; Nov 2018 - £100; Dec 2018 - £100; Jan 2019 - £100; Feb 2019 - £175

The deadline to return the form is **2.30pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**. If the trip is oversubscribed, names will be drawn out of the hat and any unsuccessful applicants will have their deposit cheque returned

I hope your child will be able to take part in this valuable chance to broaden their knowledge of American culture and history. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully,

Miss C. Lane  
Curriculum Leader for Humanities



## Consent for 2019 New York trip

STUDENT'S **FULL** NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TUTOR GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as on **PASSPORT**)

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to attend the field trip to New York in May 2019.

I also give permission for my child to take part in all the excursions stated in this letter and to use the swimming pool at the hotel, should one be available.

I certify that, as far as I am aware, my **son/daughter** is medically fit to undertake this activity and there are no known health reasons why **he/she** should not do so. I authorise medical treatment to be provided should this become necessary during the course of the visit.

I understand that while the school staff in charge of the party will take all reasonable care of the students, they cannot necessarily be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered by my **son/daughter** arising during, or out of, this activity.

I have ensured that my child understands that it is important for **his/her** safety and for the safety of the group that any instructions given by the staff in charge are obeyed.

Attendance at school is expected by students on the day following any full day, evening, residential or overseas trip. Failure to attend school the following day could result in your child not being allowed to go on future trips. Students are expected to catch up on all work missed and complete any homework set.

Thamesmead will follow government guidance where travel to areas of this country or other countries is either prohibited or not advised. If a trip needs to be cancelled in these circumstances the terms of the insurance policy in place will operate. If you decide that you no longer wish your child to go on a trip you should advise us as soon as possible. We will, however, be unable to refund any monies that you have paid for the trip. Any deposits paid for trips or visits will also be non-refundable.

If you sign up for a place, but later cannot/do not wish to attend, you are liable for the total cost of the place unless we can find a replacement.

If the balance is not paid in full before the trip, the student will be unable to attend.

I also enclose a non-refundable deposit of £150 to secure their place.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Carer).