

Brine Leas School

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September, 2016

Re: United States Visit

Dear Parents / Guardians,

The History Department is in the early stages of planning a school visit to the East Coast of America the summer of 2018. As I am sure that you will be aware, this is a fantastic opportunity for your child and for many a 'once in a lifetime' chance to visit somewhere so significant to the global community and a place of such historical significance. It is our intent to visit New York, Philadelphia and Washington DC with a focus on developing student understanding of the 20th and 21st Century American history.

We are planning on leaving school on Friday 20th July, 2018 and returning Sunday 29th July, 2018 which encroaches on the first week of the summer holidays. Unfortunately, this is the only way that we can time manage such a visit and we feel that the holiday week will be a small sacrifice.

At this stage we are planning to take between 30 and 40 students and places will be allocated on a strictly 'first come, first served' basis. The visit will be offered to students currently in Year 10 and Year 11 who intend to study History at BL6. Clearly at this stage we do not expect students to know exactly what they will be doing at A-Level, however, the visit offers a wealth of experiences that lends itself to both A level History and Politics.

The cost of the visit will be £1850.

This includes four night's accommodation in New York and three night's accommodation in Washington DC at Three Star Hotels. The cost also covers travel insurance, return flights from Manchester to America and all excursions which include:

- 9/11 Memorial
- United Nations Building tour
- Guided walking tour of Downtown Manhattan (Soho and Greenwich Village)
- Meeting with a veteran of the Civil Rights Movement
- Entrance to Empire State Building
- Harlem Civil Rights guided walking tour
- Ferry to Liberty and Ellis Island
- Meal at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co Restaurant (Set Menu)
- Broadway Theatre Tickets (Show TBC)
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Entrance to Mount Vernon
- National Air & Space Museum
- US Capitol Building
- Walking tour of historic Washington
- Visit to Independence Hall in Philadelphia
- Visit to Liberty Bell in Philadelphia

Please note that ESTA (cost £14 at the present time), tipping and meals, apart from the Bubba Gump Shrimp Restaurant, are not included in the price.

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If you would like your child to attend the visit, please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school with a non-returnable deposit payment for £185 no later than Friday 23rd September, 2016.

Cheques should be made payable to **Brine Leas School** and returned with the permission slip in an envelope to the Drop Box outside Student Reception.


Cash payments can be accepted when a cheque is not possible. Students must take cash payments direct to the Finance Office for a receipt to be provided.

It is the policy of Brine Leas to support families when financial hardship may preclude a student from attending a visit, therefore if you would like to request any assistance, please contact Mrs K Bradshaw and the matter will be dealt with confidentially.

To help spread the cost of this visit, we have set up a payment plan. After the initial non-refundable deposit payment we would request a further nine payments of £185 (one every second month). The final payment must be paid no later than Friday 23rd March, 2018.

If you require any further information regarding this visit, please do not hesitate to contact me on the school number and I look forward to receiving your child's reply slip.

Yours faithfully,



Miss K Malkin
Head of Humanities

KMN/SAF/ROS

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Permission Slip – America Visit July 2018 – Miss K Malkin

I am writing to give permission for my childProgress Group
..... to attend the History visit to America taking place in July 2018.

My payment option is as follows:

- I have enclosed a non-refundable deposit cheque for £185 made payable to Brine Leas School. Please post in to the Drop Box at Student Reception.
- I enclose a non-refundable cash payment for £185 that my child will take to the Finance Office for a receipt to be provided.
- I am also aware that a further nine payments of £185 are to be paid (one every second month) with the final payment being received no later than Friday 23rd March, 2018.

Signed (Parent/Guardian) Date