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18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

### **6 DAY TRIP TO NEW YORK, U.S.A. – October Half Term 2020**

We are offering students the chance to visit New York during the 2020 October half-term. The trip will be booked with Halsbury Travel Ltd, which is an ABTA bonded Travel company. We have run six successful trips over the past ten years and we are now providing our current Year 11 and 10 students with the opportunity to apply for a place on our next trip. **Your son / daughter must be a student in the Budmouth 6th form, when we go on this trip.**

Please see the attached proposed itinerary sheet.

The cost of the visit will be £1600 per student. This price is based on a group size of 40 students.

#### **The cost includes:**

1. Round trip coach transfers from Weymouth to the airport.
2. Return flights from London to New York and all airport fees.
3. 4 overnight stays in a hotel.
4. 4 US style buffet breakfasts and 5 evening meals.
5. All transfers by coach in New York.
6. Entrance to a variety of the following museums and sights (list to be confirmed): Empire State Building Observatory, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island, Native American Museum, Lower East Side Tenement museum, a ticket to a mainstream sporting event, such as Basketball at MSG or the Brooklyn centre and a ticket to a theatre show on Broadway.
7. Comprehensive Travel insurance – Provided by DCC.
8. 24 hour worldwide emergency services provided by Halsbury Travel.
9. Tips for coach driver.

#### **Items which are not included in the cost:**

1. Drinks and lunches on 5 days – Average about \$12 each day.
2. Passports – each student will need to have their own valid passport with at least 6 months left on it.
3. Visa waiver – approximately £12.
4. Pocket money – the amount suggested will be provided closer to the trip depending on the exchange rate.

#### **Payment for the visit.**

The total cost of the trip is £1600. A non-refundable deposit of £200 needs to be paid by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, with cheques made payable to Budmouth College with your child's name on the reverse. Once deposits are in the trip leaders will meet to discuss the allocation of places on the trip and if your son/daughter is accepted then cheques will be cashed. If your son/daughter is not allocated a place, then the deposit cheque will be refunded.

Once a place has been accepted we will need a second deposit of £200 to be paid by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and a third payment of £200 must be paid by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019. The remaining balance of £1000 can be paid in full or we can accept the balance to be paid, by instalments as detailed below: -

Payment	Amount	Date must be paid by
1 <sup>st</sup> Deposit	£200	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
2 <sup>nd</sup> Deposit	£200	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2019
3 <sup>rd</sup> Deposit	£200	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019
<i>Suggested Payment instalments</i>		
4 <sup>th</sup> Instalment	£200	End of October 2019
5 <sup>th</sup> Instalment	£100	End of November 2019
6 <sup>th</sup> Instalment	£100 - <b>Minimum to be paid by 31 Jan 2020 = £1000</b>	End of January 2020
7 <sup>th</sup> Instalment	£150	End of February 2020
8 <sup>th</sup> Instalment	£150	End of March 2020
9 <sup>th</sup> Instalment	£150	End of April 2020
10 <sup>th</sup> Instalment	£150 - <u>Final payment</u> - <b>Total amount of £1600 must be paid</b>	End of term July 2020

**Please note:**

1. The first three payments are non-refundable except in very special circumstances. This applies once your son/daughter has been accepted on the trip.
2. Deposits must be made by the specified dates. Your son/daughter will be given a payment card, which must be brought in each time a payment is made.
3. A copy of the insurance policy summary will be issued once a place has been allocated on the trip, please make sure it covers the level of insurance that you are happy with.
4. Should you need to cancel your child's place on the visit on medical grounds, supported by a medical certificate, payments are refundable through the insurance policy. If you need to cancel for any reason not covered by the insurance, then the charges are as follows: -
  - After payment of first deposit and up until second deposit due = Loss of first deposit
  - After payment of second deposit and up until the third deposit is due = Loss of £400
  - After third deposit paid i.e. after 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 and up to 10 weeks before departure = Loss of 50% of total cost of trip
  - Between 2 and 10 weeks before departure = Loss of 75% of total cost of trip
  - With 2 weeks of departure = Loss of total cost of trip

***Parents and students must accept that there will be an agreed behaviour contract while on the trip. If your child breaks this contract, then he/she will be taken to the airport and put on the next flight home as an unaccompanied minor and it will be the parent's/carers responsibility to pay the costs involved.***

The group will be accompanied by one adult to every ten students and with staff that have experience of leading school visits.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place, please complete the attached Consent Form and return it to Mrs Gibson in the Finance Office at Budmouth with £200 deposit. Consent Form and cash/cheque should be in an envelope with your child's name and Tutor Group clearly marked.



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If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone 01305 830500 or email [temples@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:temples@budmouth.dorset.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

Ms S Temple - Trip Leader