

13th December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

5 DAY TRIP TO NEW YORK, U.S.A. - 16th to 20th February 2025

We are offering **current** Year 10, 11 and 12 students the wonderful opportunity to visit New York in 2025 (your child **MUST** be a student enrolled at Budmouth Academy when this trip departs).

The cost of the visit will be £1800.00 per student and this price is based on a group size of 30 students.

The cost includes:

- Round trip coach transfers from Weymouth to Heathrow Airport.
- Return flights from London Heathrow to New York and all airport fees.
- 3 overnight stays in a hotel. Breakfast and evening meals are included .
- All transfers by coach in New York.
- Entrance to a variety of the following museums and sights (final list to be confirmed): Empire State Building Observatory, 9/11 Memorial Museum, Staten Island Cruise and a ticket to a theatre show on Broadway.
- Comprehensive Travel insurance/ 24 hour worldwide emergency services - Provided by Halsbury Travel

Items that are not included in the cost are:

Drinks and lunches during the 5 days – Average cost about £10.00 each day.

Passports – Each student will need to have their own valid passport with at least 6 months remaining.

USA ESTA visa waiver – Cost approximately £12.00. Students will apply for their ESTA online and complete this at school.

Pocket money – The amount recommended will be provided closer to the trip depending on the exchange rate.

To be eligible for the trip, a deposit of £300.00 will need to be paid by Wednesday 31st January 2024, using the ParentMail app. After this date, trip leaders will meet to discuss the allocation of places on the trip and if your child is accepted then we will contact you and inform you that a place has been allocated.

If your child has not been allocated a place, the £300.00 deposit will be refunded. A payment plan will be set up on ParentMail, with payments spread out until November 2024. It is vital that these payments are made and kept up to date.

Please see payment table below:

Payment Date	Amount
31st January 2024	£300.00 (deposit)
29th February 2024	£150.00
31st March 2024	£150.00
30th April 2024	£150.00
31st May 2024	£150.00
30th June 2024	£150.00
31st July 2024	£150.00
31st August 2024	£150.00
30th September 2024	£150.00
31st October 2024	£150.00
30th November 2024	£150.00

A copy of the insurance policy summary will be issued once a place has been allocated on the trip. Please ensure it covers the level of insurance that you are happy with. Should you need to cancel your child's place on medical grounds, (supported by a medical certificate), payments are refundable through the insurance policy. If you need to cancel for any other reason, *not covered by the insurance*, then the charges are as follows: After payment of deposit and up until the second payment is due = Loss of £300.00. After payment of second payment and up until the third payment is due = Loss of £450.00. After the third payment and up to the day of departure = Loss of **all** monies paid.

Parents and students must also 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/carer's responsibility to pay **all** costs involved. The group will be accompanied by one adult to every ten students. This will be 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 S Tewkesbury, Finance Officer, (payment of deposit, £300.00, to be made via ParentMail). Once the payment and consent form have been received, then your child's name will be added to the trip list for consideration of being allocated a place on the trip.

We understand that trips like this are expensive, and that school costs for parents are growing each year. However, we have a proud and successful history of running this trip and as such we have decided to continue to do so.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by email: jabbott@budmouth-aspirations.org

Yours sincerely

Justin Abbott

Parental Consent Form

Budmouth Academy Trip to New York , USA February Half-Term 2025

Please complete and return to Mrs Tewksbury in the Finance Office

Students name		Tutor Group	
Date of Birth		Age at time of trip Feb 2025	
Home Address			
Postcode		Parent contact number	

I would like my son/daughter to be considered for a place on the trip to New York. My Son/Daughter will be a student at Budmouth Academy at the time of the trip departing. I have read the payment details for the trip and agree to abide by the payment dates as set out in the schedule.

1. The first three payments are Non-refundable except in very special circumstances. This applies once you Son/Daughter has been accepted on the trip
2. Deposits must be made by the specified dates
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 trip 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 the deposit and up until the second payment is due = Loss of £300.00

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After the third payment and up to the day of departure = Loss of all monies paid

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I have paid the deposit of £300.00 via ParentMail

Signed Parent/Carer

Name of Parent/Carer

Date