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Dear Parents

Joint politics trip to New York and Washington DC, October 2023

The Politics Department trip to New York and Washington DC will be in the first week of the October half-term holiday 2023 (Saturday 14–Friday 20 October 2023) and is open to all students studying politics currently in the Lower Sixth at St Helen and St Katharine and Abingdon School. The trip is designed to supplement and enrich the USA section of the politics syllabus and will focus on American political history and current politics.

The current itinerary includes two nights in New York with a visit to Ground Zero, Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty as well as a tour of the United Nations. In Washington DC we will visit the various memorials and political sites of the capital: the Lincoln Memorial and the White House, the Smithsonian Museum of American History and the Supreme Court. We are also hoping to organise some more tailor-made talks with political insiders closer to the time.

We are anticipating that the cost for the trip will be between £1865 and £1950, although this is subject to currency fluctuation and participant numbers. This price includes flights, transfers, hotel costs, all meals, public transport, insurance* and trip hoodies. There will be additional costs for visas and pocket money. The exact total price of the trip cannot be confirmed until we have confirmation of numbers and are able to reserve flights.

*Insurance will be provided by the tour provider NST and details can be found on their [website](#) (see Insurance Schedule). The insurance policy does cover cancellation due to Covid-19 whether that be an individual not being able to travel due to having to isolate or the USA shutting its borders to UK visitors.

As with most travel insurance policies, pre-existing medical conditions may not be covered. If your child has any, you should contact the tour operator as it is your responsibility to ensure your child has adequate cover. If additional cover is required, you will need to send a copy of the policy details to trips@shsk.org.uk ahead of the trip.

In order to secure a place on the trip, please complete the [electronic response form](#) by 9am on Tuesday 14 February. Please note that by completing the form you are committing to the total cost of the trip.

If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be chosen at random. You will be notified via email soon after the deadline whether your child has secured a place on the trip, and we will confirm the total cost.

The indicative costs will be charged as broken down into a first instalment of £300 to be invoiced at time of sign up with the remaining balance split across the Summer and Michaelmas terms' bills.

Yours faithfully

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