

27 February 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

A Level History Tour: Thursday 14 February – Thursday 21 February 2019

Following the success of this year's trip to the USA, we are excited to again be able to offer a tour to Washington DC and New York to support our A Level curriculum for History students.

In the A Level History curriculum, students study America from 1917-80, focusing on the social, economic and political changes during this period. The visit proposed would complement students' study, with visits including Ellis Island immigration centre, centres of the Civil Rights movement and places of the US government in Washington DC.

The trip is being booked through EST Travel, one of the UK's leading educational travel companies for schools with more than 45 years' experience. They work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the very best learning experience whilst away.

Below is a provisional itinerary for the trip:

Thursday 14 February 2019

- Meet at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. Travel to Gatwick or Heathrow by private coach transfer
- Fly to Washington DC
- Travel into Washington DC by private coach transfer
- Check into accommodation in Washington DC - Capitol Skyline Hotel
- Evening meal and walk

Friday 15 February - Sunday 17 February 2019

- Activities in Washington DC, including:
- Dinner at Ben's Chili Bowl and two other restaurants
- A visit to Arlington National Cemetery and visits including the grave and memorial of JFK and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Guided visits of the US Capitol, the Library of Congress and the White House
- Visits to the National Archives to view the Declaration of Independence
- Visit to the Museum of American History and Museum of African-American History
- Visits to all main memorials, including the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Franklin D Roosevelt Memorial and Martin Luther King Jr Memorial

Sunday 17 February - Wednesday 20 February 2019

- Travel to New York City and check into accommodation - Hotel Pennsylvania. Activities in New York include:
- Meeting a veteran of the Civil Rights movement for a 90 minute talk
- 9/11 Memorial visit
- An evening visit to the Empire State Building
- Dinner at Hard Rock Cafe in Times Square and Ellen's Stardust Diner on Broadway
- Ferry and entrance to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island immigration centre
- Visit to Wall Street
- Visit to the Top of The Rock observation deck

- Ice skating in Central Park
- Visit to the Intrepid Air, Sea and Space Museum

Thursday 21 February 2019

- Land at Gatwick or Heathrow
- Private coach transfer to Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form

The cost of the trip is £1560.00 per student.

This price includes:

- Return flights
- Accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis
- Return travel to either Gatwick or Heathrow
- All visits detailed above
- Breakfast and evening meal each day
- Group travel insurance
- EST 24hr emergency contact service whilst on tour

Please note the price does not include:

- Spending money
- Lunch for each day
- Approximately \$30 needed for public transport in both cities


In addition to the tour cost, we recommend that your child has approximately £200 spending money for the trip. They will also require a current Passport, with at least 6 months remaining from the date of return, and an ESTA (American Visa) for which you should budget an additional amount of £15 for the ESTA.

To secure a place for your son, daughter or ward on this trip, a non-refundable deposit of £150 is required, along with the completed permission slip by 23 March 2018. Please make cheques payable to Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. You may make subsequent payments via Parent Pay. No student, however, will be excluded from this trip on the grounds of cost alone, and parents/carers who would like their child to take part but who may be experiencing financial difficulties at the present time, should contact Mrs Drew in the Finance Office. The school Educational Trips and Visits policy can be found here: <http://www.notleyhigh.com/educational-visits-policy>

A further payment of £100 is due by 27 April 2018 is required, followed by a final payment of £1310 by 16 November 2018. Interim payments can be made between the dates outlined above.

If you have any questions regarding the trip please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully



Mrs C Wager
Assistant Headteacher – KS3

To: Mrs Wager, USA trip organizer

USA trip 2019

..... (Name) (Tutor Group)

I wish to apply for a place on the 2019 USA trip for my son/daughter.

I include a **non-refundable** £150 deposit.

(Please make cheques payable to Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form)

Signed Parent/Carer