



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

EDH/TCC

30 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Trip to New York – Friday 24 – Tuesday 28 May 2024

We contacted you recently to inform you of our proposal to organise a visit to New York from Friday 24 – Tuesday 28 May 2024, as part of the Pathways Programme. We are pleased to confirm that we have received sufficient interest to proceed to the next stage.

The trip is being organised with the help of the travel company NST, which is registered with ABTA and ATOL.

Our provisional itinerary includes the following activities:
Please note that, at this stage, the itinerary is provisional and subject to change.

- Wall Street Insider Tour and Trading Game
- Guided Walking Tour of Financial District
- Brooklyn Navy Yard Tour
- Behind the scenes as Macy's Department Store
- United Nations Building Tour
- Broadway Theatre Performance
- Visit to Empire State Building
- Visit to Sports Fixture
- Hard Rock Cafe

***Flight Contingency**

Airline seats cannot be held or price guaranteed until NST receives the deposit from every single student. Please be aware that if the cost of the flights has increased by the time the company has received the deposit, an additional £80.00 may be payable. It will never go over £80.

The cost of the Trip is £1720 (excludes flight contingency). The cost of the trip includes breakfasts and evening meals and:

- All travel from school to our hotel and return
- Accommodation for 3 nights
- All entrance fees

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- Comprehensive insurance cover

The cost does not include meals enroute, ESTA/visas/passports or spending money.

By enrolling your child onto the trip, you agree to pay both the deposit and all future instalments in line with the payment deadlines. Please note, the deposit is non-refundable, and should you need to withdraw your child from the trip, further charges could be incurred if a replacement cannot be found, or to change the name on the plane ticket.

Unfortunately, our Risk Protection Assurance policy will not offer cover if a student is unable to attend due to having a positive Covid test, hence in such circumstances no refunds would be available.

Please note that in exceptional circumstances, the Tour Operator reserves the right to add surcharges (e.g. currency surcharge in case the value of the Pound drops significantly against the Dollar) which could slightly increase the cost.

The Payment schedule and dates are as follows:

Non-refundable deposit of £150 immediately (by Wednesday 6 December 2023),

Followed by two further payments to be received on the following dates:

Interim Instalment of £150 is due - Friday 9 February 2024

Final Instalment of £1420 is due - Friday 8 March 2024

The total cost of the trip is to be paid on ParentPay. When you make deposit payment via ParentPay you will be prompted to provide parental consent for your child to attend this trip and you will also be asked to input your contact /medical details directly into a confidential section of ParentPay.

Places are limited to 40 but please note that we do not operate a 'first come first served' policy – if more than 40 students express an interest in the trip, then 40 places will be selected based on the criteria as set out in our Educational Visits Protocol which is on our website. Any unsuccessful students will be placed on a waiting list.

Please note that this visit falls under the Governors' Policy for charges and remissions. For information about how we request payments for trips and visits and to ensure no students are excluded due to financial hardship, please see the policy by following this link:

[Charging and Remissions](#)

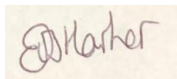
Important information regarding travel documents:

All students will be expected to travel using their own passport. Please check your child's passport that it will be valid for the entire duration of the stay.

All students will also be required to obtain an ESTA visa waiver or a visa. The ESTA is around £17 and is then valid for two years. However please note that you are not normally eligible for an ESTA visa waiver if you have been in the following countries on or after March 2011 (Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen) or Cuba after 1Jan2021. In these cases students will be required to obtain a visa. If your child has a non-UK passport please note that you made need to make your own separate visa arrangements. Please contact me for further details.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at eharker@heckgrammar.co.uk if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs E. Harker

Pathway Lead – Business, Economics and Finance