

Proposed Trip to Boston and New York

DEADLINE for first payment extended until April 22nd



20th March 2014

Dear Parents

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October Half Term 2015

After enjoying a successful trip with 45 pupils to New York and Washington a year ago we would again like to offer a similar trip for the October half term holiday of 2015. This time we have altered the itinerary slightly, but feel that this trip will offer pupils a fantastic educational experience as it will give them an opportunity to explore a variety of different locations on the East Coast of the United States. Travel will be by air from Heathrow to Boston and then by coach to other destinations.

The itinerary can only be provisional at the moment, but our tour operator has suggested the following:

- Day One:** Depart from London on a scheduled flight to Boston arriving early afternoon.
Book into the hotel and then an evening sight-seeing tour.
- Day Two:** A full day to explore Boston where the famous Boston Tea Party took place. The city is one of the oldest cities in the United States, founded in 1630 and the scene of several key events of the American Revolution.
Evening – transfer to New York by coach with a late evening of sightseeing and a meal in Times Square.
- Day Three:** A full day to explore New York with a possible optional trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. This could be followed by a trip to the site of the World Trade Center. For the evening, an optional

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trip to a basketball or baseball match or possibly a Broadway show or more time for sight-seeing.

Day Four: A second full day to explore New York. Hopefully this will include a visit to Central Park or the Museum of Modern Art or the United Nations, including shopping at either Bloomingdales or Macys. For the evening, optional ice skating in Central Park or a last visit to Time Square for further shopping/sight-seeing, followed by an evening meal.

Day Five: A last day to explore New York. This could include an optional trip to the Empire State Building or Grand Central Station, Central Park and the Library featured in the film 'The Day After Tomorrow.' Finally, a late transfer to the airport for an overnight return flight to the U.K.

Day Six: Arrive in the UK and coach transfer to Test Valley School.

I appreciate that this trip is expensive and so far I have only received a provisional costing from the tour operator. The price quoted is £970 per pupil. This price includes accommodation, flights, coach travel to and from the UK airport and to New York from Boston, **current** airport taxes, and fully comprehensive insurance, but it **does NOT** include meals. As is common with trips to the United States, meals can be eaten in the hotel or at restaurants located close to the hotel. Meals are fairly cheap and portions are extremely generous. As a rough guide pupils would need about £15 per day for all meals. Any optional trips mentioned in the itinerary are also not included in the above price so pupils will need to save a little more for any of the optional trips that interest them.

If you would like a place reserved on this trip then the following payment plan should help to spread the costs. However, I do require the first £75 non-returnable deposit by Monday March 31st. Once you have paid the non-returnable deposits, you are committed to pay the full cost for this trip as we engage and pay through a travel agency so normal cancellation fees apply. The only exception is for a serious illness.

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£75 first non-returnable deposit	Tuesday 22nd April 2014
£90 second non-returnable deposit	Monday 21 st April 2014
£75 third non-returnable deposit	Monday 2 nd June 2014
£90	Monday 7 th July 2014
£90	Monday 8 th September 2014
£90	Monday 10 th November 2014
£90	Monday 12 th January 2015
£90	Monday 2 nd March 2015
£90	Monday 6 th April 2015

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£90
£105 provisional final balance

Monday 4th May 2015
Monday 8th June 2015

All cheques need to be made payable to Test Valley School and paid into the school office, via Pupil Services or you can use the e-payment system. Obviously, if there is insufficient interest in this trip it will not be able to take place so do give it careful consideration so that I can make a decision about its viability.

To register your interest, please complete the reply slip and return it to reception for Mrs Homer, together with a remittance of £75 by Monday 31st March. This will enable me to reserve the booking.

Should you require further details, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Briggs

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TO BE RETURNED TO MRS HOMER at Pupil Services

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Pupil name (s) **Tutor Group.....**

I/We wish to reserve pupil places on the proposed trip to Boston and New York.

I/We enclose a remittance of £..... in respect of the first non-returnable deposit.

I wish to pay by e-payment - please tick the box if using this method.

Signed **Parent**