Our Ref: LCX/LPA/PS087/22-23

23 November 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: New York Easter 2024

We had emailed students to see if they would be interested in a trip to look at **cultural capitalism** in **New York**, **USA**. We have had a good response but would now like to see if you are interested in applying for a place for your child on this trip. If you are, please complete the google reply form by Monday 5 December 2022. Reply Form There are limited places available on this trip and places will be allocated by a ballot system if it is over subscribed.

Important Note: Students must be on roll at The Angmering School at the time of the trip in order to travel. Therefore, your child will need to be in our School's Sixth Form in order to go on the New York 2024 trip.

We will be holding a meeting on Thursday 1 December at 6pm - 7pm in the school library. If you are interested in the trip please come along and we will be able to explain all aspects of the trip and answer any questions. Please indicate on the google form above if you will be attending the meeting.

We will have 5 days and 3 nights in New York. Our travel company is WST, part of the Next Generation Travel group. The proposed itinerary is attached to the letter. This is a cultural capitalism trip seeing the sights and the history of New york.

We shall leave on Sunday 31st March 2024, times TBC and will come back home to The Angmering School on Thursday 4th April 2024.

The cost for this trip is £1,590.00 and is a price estimate as flights have yet to be released. As the trip is in Easter holiday time the school cannot provide financial help for the trip.

The current information from the trip insurers is that should a student cancel due to Covid they will have to provide a doctor's note and a copy of the QR code of their antigen test. They may agree to take into account home testing. We will keep you updated on requirements as we are informed.

Whilst it is not mandatory we request that every student completes a Lateral Flow Test on the evening before the trip to provide additional COVID safeguards to all students and staff.

If the trip is able to run and your son/daughter is successful in getting a place you will be notified by email by **Friday 9 December** and the deposit of £70.00 will be due by **Friday 16th December 2022** via Parent Pay.

Deposits are non-returnable (once paid to the tour company).

The balance of the cost for the trip may be made by the following instalments 12 monthly instalments of £127.00 due at the end of each month. This will be set up on parent pay for you.

January 31st 2023 - £127.00
February 28th 2023 - £127.00
March 31st 2023 - £127.00
April 30th 2023 - £127.00
May 31st 2023 - £127.00
June 30th 2023 - £127.00
July 31st 2023 - £127.00
August 31st 2023 - £127.00
September 30th 2023 - £127.00
October 31st 2023 - £127.00
November 30th 2023 - £127.00
December 31st 2023 - £127.00

If your child withdraws from the trip at any time, you may not be entitled to a refund of instalment monies paid. This will be determined by the cancellation policy of the Travel Company.

A list of students who have been unsuccessful will be kept and if places subsequently become available, they will be allocated by ballot.

We will be travelling on individual passports therefore please make sure your child's passport is valid for the proposed duration of the holiday. They don't need any additional period of validity on their passport beyond this.

There are restrictions and prohibitions on the import of certain prescription drugs into the US. The <u>USA Food and Drug Administration website</u> contains further information and advice on bringing medicines into the USA. If your child is on medication please check this list and keep us informed.

Your child will need to apply for a visa or an ESTA to enter the USA as a visitor. This currently costs £17 and we will guide you on how to apply for one. Please note if your child has travelled to Cuba. Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen on or after 1 March 2011, they will not be eligible for an ESTA visa waiver and will need to apply for a US visa.

Currently you need to be fully Covid vaccinated to enter the USA. There are exemptions for students under the age of 17 but the information is constantly changing. We will check in September of 2023 and then in December 2023 as to what the current legislation is and update parents. We will also hold meetings at the school to help you with any queries.

We would like to state that individual student's good behaviour is obviously essential if this trip is to be a success and we would withdraw any student who seriously misbehaves at school before the trip takes place. Obviously this decision would not be taken lightly and in such cases no money would be refunded.

Whilst on the trip, students are expected to abide by our School's Codes of Conduct for trips. A copy of these are attached. Any students found not to be adhering to the Codes of Conduct, could jeopardise their participation in future trips.

In order that we may share information about your child with **WST** and to comply with current data protection regulations, we need your consent which we have included on the google form. If you have any queries with regard to this please contact me.

Yours sincerely
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