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Dear Parents

Politics trip to Washington DC and New York in 2019

The Politics Department is offering a trip to New York and Washington DC in the first week of the Easter holiday 2019. The trip is open to all students who will be studying politics in Sixth Form 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 0, 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 sights of the capital: the Lincoln Memorial and the White House, the Smithsonian Museum of American History, the Supreme Court and the highly acclaimed Newseum which is devoted to the exploration of First Amendment Rights and the making of news and fake news. 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 not exceed £1650, although this is subject to currency fluctuation. 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.

There are 20 places available for this trip, 10 places for each school in the first instance. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The costs are such that we will need to attain 20 places for the trip to be financially viable.

There are two stages to confirming a place on the trip. First complete sign-up via the [electronic response form](#) which will open on Saturday 5 May at 10am. Should you be amongst the first twenty people to sign-up you will be sent further information about the deposit you will need to pay in order to secure the place. We will also operate a reserve list and we will confirm if you are on that list and notify you as soon as we can if places become available.

Yours faithfully

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