

16<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### **New York City 2021**

Dear Parent/Carer

#### **Re: New York City 2021**

We are offering KS4 students (currently Years 9 and 10) the exciting opportunity to join the English department on a tour of New York City. The trip has been arranged as an exciting initiative in which our students will be able to develop their English language skills, explore the wider world and study performance.

The learning outcomes and benefits to your child would be enormous. There will be a clear focus on sensory language and writing to describe, and what better way to develop this than to submerge yourself in the sights and sounds of the Big Apple. We will be visiting the 9/11 memorial museum to teach the students about empathy and enable them to draw from this experience in both their writing and in performance. Our students would also visit Broadway to watch a show and review the performance. On top of these subject specific benefits, there are also educational benefits in world travel, experiencing different cultures and learning about the history of the USA and the part it plays in the modern world.

This trip obviously comes at a cost but one that we believe to be outstanding value. The trip would depart from SUA on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 for five days/four nights. The trip would cost approximately **£950** per student, which includes:

- Coach travel to and from the airport in the UK and the USA.
- Direct flights with a major airline.
- Hotel accommodation at the Row NYC on a bed and breakfast basis for 3 nights.
- A Broadway show
- 9/11 Memorial Museum entrance
- Top of the Rock observatory entrance.
- Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty visit.
- A half day guided walking tour of Midtown.
- Shopping and sightseeing opportunities including Macy's, Empire State, Central Park, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Dinner at Ellen's Stardust diner, Bubba Gump Shrimp co and Buca Di Beppo Italian

This is, as I am sure you will agree, a fantastic opportunity to enable your child to see the world, learn from professionals and develop their education in an environment that eliminates the stresses of the classroom at a time when they are ready to tackle their GCSE exams.

I am proposing that we hold an open evening to explain the trip in detail and answer any questions or concerns that you might have. This trip can and will only happen if we have an appropriate number of students who have booked on to this trip and pay their deposit on time. The deposit required will be approximately 25% (£250) of the overall trip with the remainder to be paid in instalments over the course of a year. This would mean a balance of £700 distributed over 12 months, meaning as little as £60 per month would pay for this experience.

If you are interested in this trip for your child and would like to attend the open evening at 6pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October in the main hall, please complete the form below and return to the undersigned or to reception by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. In doing this, there is no commitment to attend the trip, this is purely for information regarding the initial plans and discussing options.

Yours sincerely

Mr. S. Stokes  
Teacher of English

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New York trip 2021 open evening  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 6pm start – SUA academy main hall

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor group \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending the open evening to find out more information about the trip to New York.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_