



## The Sixth Form

November 2023

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

### Joint Sixth Form Trip to New York, February Half Term 2025

I am very excited to be able to offer the opportunity for Joint Sixth Form students to participate in a trip to New York City during the February half term holiday of 2025. I know this may seem a long way off, but I am hoping that early notice of this trip will enable students to make the savings plans necessary to join us. This trip is open to all students who are currently studying in Year 11 and Year 12 who will be members of the Joint Sixth Form next academic year. We are not able to take students who are educated at another educational establishment.

At this stage the itinerary is not confirmed but we plan to spend five days in the centre of New York, as close as possible to all the sights this fantastic city has to offer. We will fly from London to New York and we will use public transport during the length of our stay.

Whilst in New York, we will see as many of the sights as possible including the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, the Guggenheim Museum and Times Square. We will also attend either an ice hockey or basketball game or ice skating in the centre of Manhattan, depending on schedules, and we will obviously have some time to shop! Previous trips to the Big Apple have been unforgettable experiences not to be missed. Students find it difficult to pinpoint the highlights with ice skating a definite favourite as well as walking through Brooklyn to see New York's famous graffiti.

The cost of the trip will be in the region of £1750 to include travel, accommodation, all evening meals, breakfasts and activities. The cost will not be finalised until flight costs become available and we have final numbers, but we will endeavour to keep it as close to £1750 as possible. I can assure you that every effort will be made to ensure the trip is the best possible value for money for the students.

I am writing now in order to allow parents and students enough time to pay for the trip. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the reply slip and return with a deposit of £200.00, payable through ParentMail. **The payment item will open at 6pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.** Please note that the deposit is refundable until we advise you of the final cost of the trip. At that point if you are still interested it will become non-refundable and you will be committed to pay all instalments according to the payment schedule.

The required deposit should be paid and reply slips returned to Reception or by email to Mrs Baker [lbaker@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:lbaker@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk) (Sixth Form Support) by **Thursday 7 December 2023**.

Places are limited so it will be a case of first-come first-served. Should all the spaces fill up before you manage to book one, the option to be added to the waiting list will then become available. If you book a place and then decide to withdraw the student from the trip at a later date, we cannot guarantee your deposit is refundable. The deposit will only be refundable if we can find someone else to take up the place.

Once the cost of the trip is finalised, you will be issued with a payment schedule so the remainder can be made either in full or in instalments.

Yours sincerely  
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Student Name: .....Tutor Group .....  
(Exactly as it appears on their passport)

I give permission for this student to take part in the New York trip and confirm I have paid the deposit of £200.00 via ParentMail. **YES / NO**

I understand that this deposit is refundable until the final cost has been finalised when becomes non-refundable and I will be committed to pay all instalments according to the payment schedule. **YES / NO**

My child does NOT have any medical conditions of which the trip leader needs to be aware. **YES / NO**

My child has a medical condition and I am happy with the arrangements for their care whilst on the trip. **YES / NO**

I give consent for my child to be photographed/videoed on the trip. **YES / NO**

Parent/Carer Name: .....

Parent/Carer Signature: .....

Date: .....