

October 2024

Dear Parent/Carers

PSYCHOLOGY , ART and RS TOUR TO USA
23/10/2025 - 29/10/2025

We are delighted to offer your child the opportunity to take part in our fantastic trip to New York next academic year. This trip is principally designed to expand your son's knowledge and understanding of many topics associated with Psychology, ART and RS; however, it is open to all students, who will be in years 9-13 in September 2025, who are interested in exploring these subjects. Alongside this it also gives your child the great opportunity to visit one of the most cosmopolitan and vibrant cities in the world. For those taking GCSE ART or RS, or A levels in Psychology, Philosophy and/or ART, you'll get to see the development of Civil Rights, prejudice and multiculturalism, whilst also seeing the impact of media on influencing people's minds, attitudes and behaviours. Whilst we encourage students taking these subjects, it is not exclusively for these students. As such, a more detailed letter will be released when we can confirm numbers and therefore, confirmation of places on the impending excursions.

The provisional cost of the trip is £2200. This figure depends on numbers (25 students) taking part. It includes:

- Airport Transfer in New York
- Visits to different places of worship from differing faiths (Synagogues/Churches and Mosques)
- Places of philosophical and religious interest from civil rights movements.
- Evening meals
- Harlem Civil Rights Guided Walking Tour
- Meeting with a Veteran of the Civil Rights Movement (1.5 hours)
- High line walk
- Broadway Theatre Performance (show TBA)
- Ferry to Liberty and Ellis Island
- Visit to Top of the Rock
- 9/11 Memorial Visit
- Visit to 9/11 Memorial Museum
- Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)

The cost of the trip is based on an expected travel party of 25 students and 3-staff. This will give the trip an excellent staff to student ratio of 1:10. A parents' meeting will be arranged during the summer term for those students who sign up for the trip, in order to give out more detailed information.

In addition to the tour cost, we would recommend that your son has **£200** spending money for the trip - which would pay for lunchtime meals, a Metro travel card (bought in New York and Washington) and souvenirs. They would also be required to have a current passport, which has at least 6 months left on its expiry date and have completed their **ESTA application**. ESTAs are travel visas for the United States which all visitors are required to have in order to enter the country. ESTAs are available on the ESTA website, but details will be sent out nearer to the time. Currently, ESTAs are priced at \$21, which is roughly £17.

To secure a place for your son on this trip, please log on to Parent Pay and pay the deposit of £150.00 by 28th November 2024. This will be non-refundable once the trip has been confirmed with the provider. Further expected payments (7) will be approximately £293 on a monthly basis. The last payment should be paid by 30th July 2025.

The trip is being booked through NST Travel, the UK's leading educational travel company for schools with more than 45 years' experience. They work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the very best learning experience whilst away.

If you or your son has any questions about the trip do get in contact with Mrs Watson (JMW@rgshw.com) Ms Francis (gcf@rgshw.com) or Mr Webb (jxw@rgshw.com).

Kind regards,

Mrs Watson, Mrs Francis and Mr Webb

Trip Leaders (Psychology/Art/RS)