

05 June 2026

Dear Families

We are incredibly excited to write to you to inform you of our proposed Sixth Form trip taking place during the February half term in 2027. As a parent of a Year 11 who may be joining us in our Sixth Form in September, we are proud to invite them to take part in this fantastic opportunity. It promises to enhance their cultural capital and provide them with a truly memorable experience during their time at Sackville Sixth Form.

Here are the key details regarding the trip:

Trip Overview and Dates

- **Trip Name:** New York and Washington D.C.
- **Dates:** Departure on the evening of Thursday 11 February or morning of Friday 12 February 2027, returning on Thursday 18 or Friday 19 February 2027.
- **Eligibility and Capacity:** Open to Year 12 and Year 13 students studying at Sackville. There is a strict limit of 40 places, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis however we do not envisage these filling immediately. Places open on Monday 08 June 2026 at 5.00pm.

Cost and Payment Plan

The total cost per student is £2,380. To help spread the cost, we have put together the following payment schedule:

- **Deposit:** £250 (non-refundable unless cancelled by us or the provider) and this secures your place, we will assess the places on Friday 12 June to inform the travel providers.
- **Instalments:** six monthly payments of £355 from July 2026 to December 2027.

What is Included in the Cost?

- **Transport:** All coach transfers (to/from UK airports and Sackville School), return flights from London Heathrow or Gatwick, and a four-hour coach transfer between New York, Philadelphia and Washington D.C.
- **Accommodation and Board:** Half board. This includes breakfast at the hotel and dinners at iconic American restaurants, all being well we are planning on:
 - Tick Tock Diner, Applebee's, Hard Rock Cafe NYC, Hard Rock Cafe Washington, Elephant and Castle (Pennsylvania Avenue), and Ben's Chili Bowl.
- **All Excursions and Entry Fees:** (Detailed below).

Please Note: Students will need to purchase their own lunches each day and may wish to bring US Dollars for spending money/souvenirs.

The Itinerary and Activities

We have packed the itinerary with incredible educational and cultural experiences across both iconic cities:

New York City Highlights

- A Broadway Show
- Empire State Building
- Liberty Island Ferry

- Central Park, Times Square, and across the Brooklyn Bridge
- A visit to Ground Zero

Washington D.C. Highlights

- A guided walking tour of major monuments, including the National Mall, Lincoln Memorial and The White House.
- Access to the world-famous Smithsonian Museums, including:
 - National Air and Space Museum, National Museum of Natural History, National Museum of African American History and Culture, National Museum of American History, National Portrait Gallery, The Smithsonian "Castle", and many more.

We truly hope that this opportunity will provide our Sixth Formers with a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see the very best of America.

If you have any questions at this stage, please do not hesitate to reach out to either Mr Vallally-Godfrey avallallygodfrey@sackvilleschool.org.uk, or Mr Collett jcollett@sackvilleschool.org.uk, who are leading this fantastic opportunity.

Yours sincerely

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