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Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to write to you with updated details regarding our upcoming Sixth Form trip during the February half term in 2027. As a parent of a student at our Sixth Form, we warmly invite them to participate in this incredible opportunity to visit New York and Washington D.C. It promises to broaden their cultural horizons and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Trip Overview and Key Details

- **Destination:** New York City and Washington D.C.
- **Dates:** Departure on the evening of Thursday 11 February 2027 or the morning of Friday 12 February 2027, returning on Thursday 18 or Friday 19 February 2027 and flying with Virgin Atlantic from Heathrow Airport.
- **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. We are rewriting this as we have a chance to increase previously confirmed numbers.

Updated Cost and Payment Schedule

The total cost per student is **£2,380**. To make this as manageable as possible, we have updated our payment plan:

- **Initial Deposit:** £210 (required now to secure your child's place; non-refundable unless the school or travel provider cancels the trip).
- **Instalments:** Seven monthly payments of £310 running from October 2026 to April 2027.

What is Included?

- **Transport:** All UK airport transfers to and from Sackville School, return flights from London Heathrow or Gatwick, and coach transport between New York, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C.
- **Accommodation and Board:** Half board, covering daily breakfast at the hotel and evening meals at iconic dining spots (planned venues include Tick Tock Diner, Applebee's, Hard Rock Cafe NYC, Hard Rock Cafe Washington, Elephant and Castle, and Ben's Chili Bowl).
- **Excursions and Entry Fees:** All scheduled visits and activities.

Please note: Students will need to budget for their own lunches each day and bring spending money in US Dollars for snacks or souvenirs.

Itinerary Highlights

- **New York City:** A Broadway show, the Empire State Building, Liberty Island Ferry, Central Park, Times Square, a walk across the Brooklyn Bridge, and a visit to Ground Zero.
- **Washington D.C.:** A guided walking tour of major monuments (including the National Mall, Lincoln Memorial, and the White House), alongside visits to world-renowned Smithsonian Museums such as the National Air and Space Museum, Natural History Museum, and the Museum of African American History and Culture.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out to either of us - avallallygodfrey@sackvilleschool.org.uk or jcollet@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Please make a deposit payment to secure their space before Monday 28 September 2026.

Yours sincerely

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