



23 September 2026

Dear Families

Year 12/13 Residential Trip to New York and Washington - Saturday 13 February to Friday 19 February 2027

We are approaching the 'business end' of the planning for the above trip, and therefore I will therefore be communicating with you and the students over the coming months.

I will meet the students together in the next week or so to go through details, such as rooming.

In terms of next steps, please can you:

- Send copies of passports to the school at ktalbot@sackvilleschool.org.uk. Please note, they should have six months remaining on the passport from 19 February 2027.
- Apply for the ESTA if you have not already done so. Please send the confirmation email to the above address for me to collate. If you are replacing your passport, do not apply for an ESTA until you receive the new passport.

GHIC Cards

Students should also have a GHIC card. This is free, and you can apply for this at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

Please also send a scan/photo of this when it arrives and send it to the above email address.

Flights

For your information, please find the flight details below. These changed slightly due to Virgin rescheduling their flights:

- London Heathrow to New York (via Virgin Atlantic) - Saturday 13 February 2027 leaving at 4.40pm.
- Washington to London Heathrow (via Virgin Atlantic) - Friday 19 February 2027 - arriving at 10.55am.

Itinerary

- Saturday 13 February 2027 - travelling to New York, hotel check-in, visit Times Square.
- Sunday 14 February 2027 - visits to the Statue of Liberty and the 9/11 Memorial and Museum.
- Monday 15 February 2027 - visits to the United Nations, Empire State Building, Met Art Gallery and a Broadway show in the evening.
- Tuesday 16 February 2027 - Travel to Washington via Philadelphia.
- Wednesday 17 February 2027 - Smithsonian, Capitol Building and Library of Congress.
- Thursday 18 February 2027 - White House, National Mall and Smithsonian. Overnight flight to London Heathrow.
- Friday 19 February 2027 - Arrive back at London Heathrow.

As you can see, this is a packed itinerary and allows all of us to have two days' recovery at home before school starts again.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries at jcollett@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

We will have a parent meeting on Tuesday 01 December at 5.00pm to answer any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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