

September 2023

Dear Student and Parent

### **Year 12 Psychology & Sociology Trip to New York, Monday 1 July to Friday 5 July 2024**

Following the success of previous trips, we are currently organising a visit to New York for Year 12 students who are studying Social Science. The focus of the visit will be to unpack the psychological concepts learnt on the course in relation to some of famous landmarks in NYC. Our aim is to increase students' understanding and awareness of Social Science in relation to immigration, terrorism, memory, social identity and tyranny.

The visit will include:

- Coach from SJF to Manchester airport
- Return flight to New York
- Transfers to hotel
- 3 nights hotel
- 3 breakfast buffets
- Three 2 Course evening meals with drinks (Dallas BBQ, Hard Rock Café, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co Restaurant)
- Travel insurance
- Visit to Tenement Museum Walking Tour and Building Tour
- Ferry to Liberty and Ellis Island
- Visit to Empire State Building
- Visit to 9/11 Memorial Museum

#### **St John Fisher's ParentPay**

The trip is limited to 40 students across the Associated Sixth Form. The trip will only be available to pay on St John Fisher's ParentPay. If you do not have access to St John Fisher's ParentPay for your child please contact [finance@sjfchs.org.uk](mailto:finance@sjfchs.org.uk), to request the necessary activation codes. Please be sure to include your child's name in the email.

To give parents time to discuss this visit and other trips on offer in the Associated Sixth Form with their child, the St John Fisher ParentPay will **close on Monday 2 October 2023**. If this trip is oversubscribed then places will be **randomly allocated**, and deposits returned to those unable to secure a place. A waiting list will be made in case of any cancellations.

The cost of the trip is dependent on the number of students that attend; however, we anticipate the cost will be in the region of £1730-1780. If your child is interested in a place, please pay the first non-refundable deposit of £400.00 on the **St John Fisher ParentPay by Monday 2 October 2023**. If you are in receipt of a Bursary or are unable to pay this amount, then please speak to Mrs Fisher.

The final price will be confirmed in October 2023 once we know the number of students attending and the two remaining instalment payments will be due by 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (£150) and 8 April 2024 (remainder). Reminder emails will be sent out to parents together with any additional information that may be required for the trip.

Consent for the trip is required on ParentPay. Please note that by ticking the box online, you are agreeing for your child to take part on the trip, the cost, and confirming that their medical details which we hold at school are up to date.

### **Important Financial Information**

Please note that all payments made for this trip are non-refundable, as we must make regular payments to the tour operator, NST Travel. However, if the trip is cancelled due to Covid-19, full refunds will be given (please see Covid-19 section below).

Whilst we offer a payment schedule for the trip, please note that after 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023, you will be required to pay the full price of the trip if your child withdraws, unless together we can find a replacement student. This is due to the cancellation charges imposed on us by NST Travel. For that reason, we ask that you take the time to discuss the trip in detail with your child prior to paying the deposit to ensure that they are fully committed to the trip.

### **Covid-19**

As you will be aware, the Associated Sixth Form takes the current Covid-19 pandemic very seriously and the safety and well-being of all our students and staff is always paramount. After many discussions with NST Travel, we are confident that they are continually monitoring Government guidance regarding Covid-19.

### **Behaviour**

We would like to take this opportunity to point out that the success of previous trips overseas has been due in part to the excellent conduct of our students. Those who take part in this visit must recognise that this is a school trip, and they must behave accordingly. Whilst the hotel we are staying in and restaurants we visit will sell alcohol, please note that Associated Sixth Form students will not be allowed to purchase or drink alcohol during the trip. We ask parents to reinforce these points with their child.

Once a student has been accepted onto a trip if, in the time between gaining a place on the trip and the departure, there are concerns again about the student's participation on the trip, the Heads of the Associated Sixth Form reserves the right to withdraw the student's place and any payments made may not be refunded.

If you have any queries about the trip, or if meeting the initial deadline for payment presents a problem, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Mrs J Fisher

(Head of Psychology & Sociology, St John Fisher Catholic Academy, as part of the St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form).