



Some highlights from last year's trip...



# Politics-History Trip to the USA 2025



***NB this PPT will be emailed after the meeting***



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# STAFF

- Dr Murray (Trip Leader)
- Ms Reynard (Deputy Leader)
- Mr Melville
- Ms Richardson



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# Outward Journey

## Sunday 29 June

- 0400 Depart from main car park SA
- 0830 Check-in at Heathrow airport
- 1140 Depart Heathrow to JFK (BA173)
- 1425 Arrive at JFK



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## British Airways - Luggage Allowance

Hand Luggage: One piece of standard baggage no bigger than 56 cm x 45 cm x 25 cm including the handle, pockets and wheels and one laptop or handbag no bigger than 40 cm x 30 cm x 15 cm including the handle and pockets (must fit under the seat)

Checked Luggage: One piece not exceeding 23 kg and no bigger than 90 cm x 75 cm x 43 cm including the handle, pockets and wheels

**This information is correct at the time of publishing; please check your airline's website for any further information.**



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# Parental consent letter

- This letter is just in case
- Could you complete and return?

[Your Address]  
[Your Phone Number]  
[Your Email Address]

June 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Consent for [Child's Full Name] to Travel Overseas with St Aidans CE High School

This letter serves as official permission for my child, [Child's Full Name], to travel overseas with the school trip to New York & Washington from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

This trip is a study tour focused on History & Politics as part of A Level study at St Aidan's CE High School, Oatlands Drive, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, UK HG2 8JR. Trip leader – Dr Finlay Murray

We understand that the school will be responsible for the child's care and supervision during this trip, and we have confidence in their ability to provide a safe and educational experience.

We have also reviewed the trip itinerary and are comfortable with the activities planned. We understand that [Child's Full Name] will be accompanied by Dr Finlay Murray who is a teacher at St Aidan's CE High School.

We have ensured that [Child's Full Name] has all necessary travel documents, including a valid passport and any required visas.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Your Signature(s)]

[Your Printed Name(s)]



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# Sunday 29 June

## Afternoon / evening

- 1425 land at JFK
- Transfer / check-at hotel
- Evening meal at Bubba Gump Shrimp Restaurant
- Visit Times Square



**Courtyard Mid-Town East**  
**New York**



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# Monday 30 June

## Morning

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Statute of Liberty / Ellis Island

## Afternoon

- Wall Street
- Ground Zero and 9/11 Museum



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# Tuesday 1 July

## Morning

- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit Central Park

## Afternoon

- Tour of UN

## Evening

- Evening meal
- Sunset tour of Empire State Building



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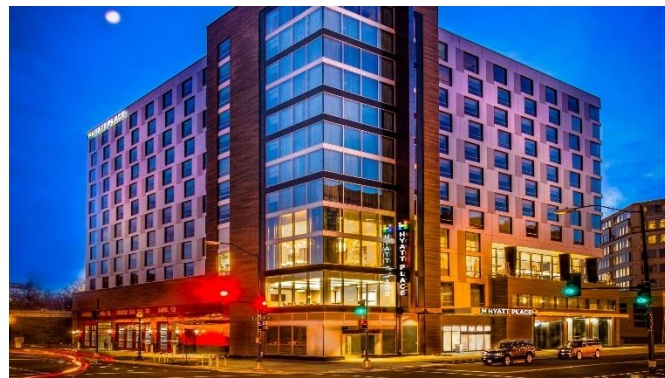
# Wednesday 2 July

## Morning

- Breakfast at hotel
- Depart for Philadelphia
- Visit National Constitution Centre

## Evening

- Arrive in Washington
- Evening meal
- Visit White House



**Hyatt Place  
Washington**



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# Thursday 3 July

## Morning

- Breakfast at hotel
- Tour of Congress

## Afternoon

- Either visit Supreme Court or National Library of Congress

## Evening

- Dinner
- Evening monuments tour



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# Friday 4 July

## Morning / Afternoon

- Breakfast at hotel
- Check-out luggage store
- Visit Smithsonian Museums

## Evening

- Transfer to airport
- 2245 Depart Dulles Airport (BA292)



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# Saturday 5 July

## Return journey

- 1105 arrive at Heathrow
- 1300 Coach transfer to Harrogate
- 1700 ETA main car park St Aidan's



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# Travel Documents

- Passport
- Paper copy of Esta (or Esta App)



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# Rooming

- Students are in single beds
- Rooms will be twos and threes



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# Kit

- Footwear (suitable for lots of walking)
  - Shower-proof jacket
  - Umbrella / parasol
  - Plenty of cool clothes
  - Water bottle
  - Sun cream
- Please no:*
- Hot pants/short-shorts
  - Low-cut tops/dresses
  - Football tops



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# Medication

- Complete a pre-trip medical questionnaire to update us on any medical changes.
- Any medication that you're not required to carry, pass to Ms Reynard on the day of departure.
- The school nurse suggests you keep medication to a minimum and ideally you only bring prescribed medication.
- If you have any special requirements you would like to make us aware of, please see Ms Reynard the end of this talk.



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# Money and valuables

- Money will be required for lunches
- Spending money should be taken at your discretion (some cash would be helpful)
- Money is taken at your own risk
- Any valuables (e.g. mobile phones, ipads, cameras, etc) are taken *at your own risk*



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# Behaviour

## Our expectations are HIGH:

- Smoking, drinking and disrespectful behaviour will not be tolerated
- The whole focus of the trip is to have fun and be active

### Behaviour

School residential trips form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's and when accompanying students on a school trip, staff are acting *in loco parentis* just as they do in school. Trips away from the normal school environment involve considering different routines and environments and students must be able to demonstrate an increased level of responsibility and maturity. To participate in any trip, the school staff must be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

Please note this trip operates a zero-tolerance approach to alcohol. We reserve the right to send home any student who we regard as having breached this rule which may require contacting parents to collect their child. The Headteacher would like to make clear that failure to observe this rule will potentially jeopardise a student's place in the Sixth Form.

## National Minimum Drinking Age Act (1984)

**This law made the purchase & consumption of alcohol illegal for anyone under the age of 21.**



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# Final Thoughts

## Paperwork

- Do you have your Passport and Esta?
- Have you added your student mobile number to the sheet?
- Have you completed the medical questionnaire?
- Have you completed and returned the parental consent letter?

## Travel

- Depart: Sunday 29 June main car park SA 0400 (0415 departure)
- Return: Saturday 5 July main car park SA c 1700 (*tbc via mobile updates en route*)

## Information

- Detailed letter with final itinerary + this PPT will be emailed in shortly after this meeting
- Any questions please contact either Mrs Goold or Dr Murray



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