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Dear Parents

**Politics trip to USA, Sunday 31 March–Saturday 6 April 2019**

The Politics Department is offering a trip to New York and Washington in the first week of the Easter holiday 2019. The trip is open to all students who will be studying politics at St Helen and St Katharine and Abingdon School. The trip is designed to supplement and enrich the USA section of the politics syllabus and will focus on American political history and current politics.

The current itinerary includes two nights in New York with a visit to Ground 0, Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, as well as a tour of the United Nations; three nights in Washington with visits to the various memorials and political sights of the capital, such as the Lincoln Memorial and the White House, the Smithsonian Museum of American History, the Supreme Court and the highly acclaimed Newseum, which is devoted to the exploration of First Amendment rights and the making of news and fake news. We are also hoping to organise some more tailor made talks with political insiders closer to the time.

We are anticipating that the cost for the trip will not exceed £1650, although this is subject currency fluctuation. This price includes flights, transfers, hotel costs, all meals, public transport, insurance and trip hoodies. There will be additional costs for visasand pocket money.

There are 20 places available for this trip, 10 places for each school in the first instance. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The costs are such that we will need to attain 20 places for the trip to be financially viable.

There are two stages to confirming a place on the trip. First complete sign-up via the [electronic response form](https://shsk.org.uk/Home/Record-Response.aspx?ID=EE347B92-1F5D-43E7-B8A4-BFAC37EA10D9). Should you be amongst the first twenty people to sign-up you will be sent further information about the deposit you will need to pay in order to secure the place. We will also operate a reserve list and we will confirm if you are on that list and notify you as soon as we can if places become available.

Yours faithfully

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