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January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Politics & History USA Trip
Wednesday 5 to Tuesday 11 November 2025

I am delighted to offer your child/ward the opportunity to participate in the Politics & History USA trip. The tour, arranged through Select School Tours, will take place from Wednesday 5 to Tuesday 11 November 2025 during the Autumn term.

The trip will begin with a coach journey from West Kirby to Manchester Airport, followed by a flight to New York via Heathrow.

We will be staying for 7 days and 6 nights on a bed-and-board basis:

- New York (2 nights): Hampton Inn, Madison Square Garden
- Washington DC (3 nights): Hyatt Place
- 1 night: Overnight flight

Itinerary Highlights

New York:

- 9/11 Memorial
- Statue of Liberty Cruise
- Central Park

Washington DC:

- Mount Vernon
- Key political sites, including Congress and the Supreme Court
- National Museum of American History
- National Museum of the American Indian
- A sports event

Cost and Inclusions

The cost of the trip is **£2100**, which includes:

- Flights
- UK and overseas airport transfers
- Accommodation
- 2 evening meals in New York and 3 in Washington DC
- Entry to the 9/11 Memorial (museum not included)
- Statue of Liberty Cruise
- Coach transfer from New York to Washington DC (via Mount Vernon)
- Mount Vernon visit
- 2 x 4-hour walking tours in Washington DC
- Entry to the National Museum of American History
- Entry to the National Museum of the American Indian
- Attendance at a sports fixture (subject to availability)
- A trip hooded top



Additional

Lunches, snacks, and souvenirs are not included. Lunches can typically be purchased for around \$20 per meal.

Provisional Programme

Day 1:

- UK airport transfer and flight to New York
- Transfer to hotel and evening meal at a local restaurant
- Overnight in New York

Day 2:

- Breakfast
- 9/11 Memorial, Statue of Liberty Cruise, and Central Park
- Evening meal at a local restaurant
- Overnight in New York

Day 3:

- Breakfast and check-out
- Coach transfer to Washington DC, stopping at Mount Vernon
- Check-in and evening meal at a local restaurant
- Overnight in Washington DC

Day 4:

- Breakfast
- 4-hour walking tour of political sites
- Visit to the National Museum of American History
- Evening meal and sports fixture (subject to availability)
- Overnight in Washington DC

Day 5:

- Breakfast
- 4-hour walking tour of memorials
- Visit to the National Museum of the American Indian
- Evening meal at a local restaurant
- Overnight in Washington DC

Day 6:

- Breakfast and check-out
- Transfer to the airport and flight to the UK

Day 7:

- Arrival in the UK and return to school

Insurance

The trip is covered by an extensive insurance policy in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

ESTA Requirements

An electronic visa waiver (ESTA) is mandatory for UK citizens and many other nationalities entering the USA. This must be applied and paid for independently before the trip. Please visit <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/> for further details.

Payment Schedule

A **£200 deposit** is required by **Friday 31 January 2025**, to secure a place. Payments should be made via Scopay. Online payment serves as both consent for your child's participation and confirmation of



updated emergency contact details. Please check and update your contact details via the Arbor app. Please ensure that you provide any appropriate additional information directly to me vgaskin@wkgs.net.

Further payments are due on the following dates:

- **28 March:** £300
- **28 April:** £500
- **31 May:** £500
- **14 July:** £600 (final balance)

After paying the deposit, please complete and return the attached passport information slip to **H1**. Ensure the passport is valid for at least **6 months after the trip ends (valid until 11 May 2026)**. **Please note:** Deposits are non-refundable, and withdrawing from the trip after a place is confirmed may result in further payment obligations.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me via vgaskin@wkgs.net.

Kind regards

V Gaskin

Miss V Gaskin
Head of History & Politics

The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the school will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.



Passport Information Form - Politics and History USA Trip (November 2025)

Full Name (EXACTLY as it appears on passport, including all middle names):

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Date of Birth:

Passport Number:

Country of Issue:

Date of Issue:

Expiry Date:

(please ensure the passport is valid until at least 11 May 2026)

Nationality (as listed on passport):

Gender:

Please return this slip to Mrs Gaskin (in H1) once deposit has been made.

