



Ripon Grammar School

June 14th 2024

New York & Washington DC - Easter 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all people are created equal, and are endowed with certain inalienable rights, amongst those are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness in the form of the study of History & Politics.

The department, in order to form a more perfect Union of knowledge with experience, will be embarking on a second, epic, voyage to The United States of America around Easter 2025 (dates TBC; c.6 days depending on flights).

Next year's History & Politics students from Upper and Lower 6th will have the opportunity to attend (ie current Year 11 and L6th who have chosen History / Politics).

Visits will focus on the center of the USA's political, economic and ideological power from the War of Independence to the Civil War (to tie in with our Upper 6th coursework unit on Abolition and Slavery), The Cold War (to augment this A-Level examined unit), and US Politics.

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Our itinerary should include the following:

New York:

- The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
- Wall Street and Ground Zero
- The Empire State Building
- USS Intrepid
- Times Square

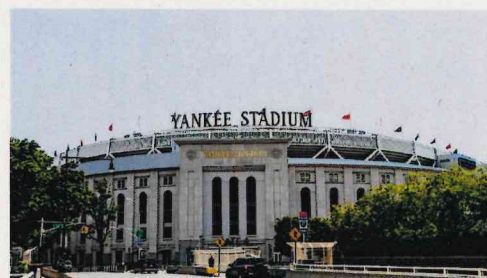


Washington DC:

- En route from New York: Gettysburg – Site of a key Union victory, and Lincoln's later speech, in 1863
- The Washington, Jefferson, FDR, MLK, Lincoln, Korea and Vietnam Memorials and Monuments
- The Smithsonian museums on the Mall, including the National Museum of African American History
- The United States Capitol building, Supreme Court and Library of Congress
- The National Archives where we will view the founding documents of the USA
- The Pentagon
- Arlington Cemetery
- Mount Vernon – George Washington's Mansion & Slave Plantation



We also plan to take in a sports fixture and / or Broadway show (TBC depending on available dates), and many shopping opportunities will also abound.



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The trip is a full immersion not only into the birth of American Liberty and its ensuing 'experiment in Democracy', but also its inner conflict from 1783-1865 and onwards before its projection onto the World Stage after WWI, and especially during the Cold War and current affairs.

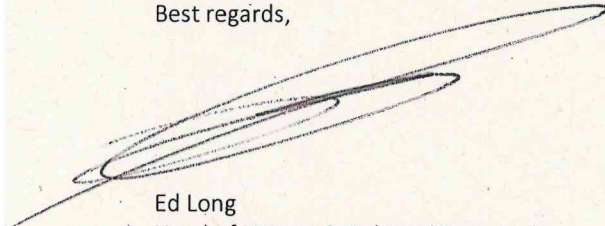
The trip will therefore tie-in precisely with the two of the three units from both History and Politics, and will also take in the exceptional architecture, culture and cuisine of those three cities. Thus, the trip will be a cultural, sporting, as well as Political and Historical, tour de force.


The cost of the trip will be approximately £2400 and places will be strictly limited.

In order to secure your son's / daughter's place, please can you make a payment of £250 via parent pay before Friday 28th June at 1600, and send me a copy of their passport photo page by email. Please note that the deposit is only refundable if a replacement can be found should your son / daughter choose to drop out at a later date, or if the trip is initially oversubscribed, or if as a new Lower 6th you decide against joining RGS.

If you would like further information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,


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