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Dear Parent/carer,

The time is fast approaching to prepare for our amazing trip to New York. This letter will provide all of the details you will require for the trip.

### **Itinerary:**

#### **Wednesday 7th February 2024**

3.00am - Arrive at the school for coach departure

- Please wait with your child until they have boarded the coach.
- Students will need entertainment for the plane journey, headphones and a neck pillow if possible. Students should take a travel sickness pill before we leave if they get travel sick on coaches or planes.
- Students **must arrive** with hold luggage ready and any items for use on the plane in their hand luggage.
- Students **must** be dropped at school by a parent/carer or another adult which has been prearranged with the school.
- The school building will not be open so please ensure students have used the toilet before they leave home.
- Students can bring snacks for the coach and plane but they will not be allowed through customs with liquids.
- Please remember that in hand luggage there is a limit on liquids that can be taken through so pack any larger bottles in your main luggage including perfume and make up.
- British Airways states that in **hand luggage**: 350g powders limit, you need to put all liquid or powder items in a single, transparent, re-sealable plastic bag of up to 20 x 20cm (8 x 8in) with a total capacity of up to one litre. You must be able to completely close the bag and fit it in your hand baggage. You must take the bag of liquids out of your hand baggage to be screened separately. Aerosols are allowed to be carried into the cabin but cannot be used on board. Each liquid must be in its own container of no more than 100ml (3.4oz).

The link will tell you any other restrictions in place;

<https://www.britishairways.com/content/information/baggage-essentials/liquids-and-restrictions>

- The luggage limit is **23Kg** you will need to leave room for purchases and your hoodie which will be given to you on the coach.
- Please ensure that cases are **locked and labelled** with the hotel name and address and the students home name and address.

03.30 – Leave Etone College

06.30 – Arrive at Heathrow Terminal 5

09.30 – Flight departs

12.45 – Arrival at JFK

15.00 – Arrival at hotel

17.15 – Summit One

19.15 – Tick Tock Diner

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

09.00 – Breakfast & Take subway

10.00 – Battery Park and Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island

14.45 – 911

18.45 – Hard Rock Café and Times Square

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Morning – Breakfast & shopping and sight seeing

Afternoon – Highline Park and Central Park

19.15 – Dallas BBQ and Grill

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024

09.00 – Breakfast, leave rooms and store luggage

09.30 – Staten Island Ferry

15.30 – Collect luggage and depart for airport

20.55 – Flight departs

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

08.40 – Flight Lands

12-12.30 – Arrive back at school

**Parents are advised to be in the school car park at 12.00pm**, as students have their phones we will ask them to contact you if there are any delays please ensure you are available. Students **must** be collected by a parent/carer.

## Flights

Flights								
Departure Date	Departure Airport	Departure Time	Arrival Date	Arrival Airport	Arrival Time	Airline	Flight Number	Locator
07/02/2024	Heathrow International Airport	09:35	07/02/2024	John F Kennedy International Airport	12:45	British Airways	BA175	R4BLRP, W4HSZX
10/02/2024	John F Kennedy International Airport	20:55	11/02/2024	Heathrow International Airport	08:40	British Airways	BA172	R4BLRP, W4HSZX

## Luggage Allowance

Each person on the flight will be entitled to:

**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

## Accommodation

Hotel/Centre	Telephone	Board	Arrival	Departure
The Manhattan at Times Square Hotel 790 Seventh Avenue New York USA 10019	00 1 212 581 3300	Room Only	07/02/2024	10/02/2024

Students will be using the subway, which on average is approximately \$3.60 per journey. Please can students bring at least \$40 in cash to account for this. As you know students are buying lunch with their own money as they move around New York with us. **We have suggested a travel card for spending money.** This must be a card that can be used like a **debit card** in shops etc. Please ensure students are aware not to spend all of their money at once as it needs to pay for lunch each day.

Students may wish to bring some money for the airport but this is your choice. Students will be responsible for their own spending money, devices and any other valuables on the trip. **The school will not be responsible for loss or damage of electronic items or money.** As discussed in our parents meeting students may wish to use their phone for pictures but they must have it securely tucked away in a bag when it's not in use. All students will require a hand luggage bag which can double as a bag to use whilst in New York, such as a back pack.

There has been a medicine form sent home. Students are advised to bring blister plasters, paracetamol and travel sickness pills as well as any other medication they may require. This is to be in a plastic bag which is labelled. Your child will take this in their main luggage. Once in New York they will give this to their group leader and they can access this when required. The form that has been sent home authorises them to take medicine you send whilst they are away.

Students can call home from New York but as previously stated there is a time difference of 5 hrs. During the day we will be busy and students are advised not to have their phones out whilst walking in New York. Please can we ask parents to only call or message in the evening, New York time, as students can also connect to the hotel WiFi at this point.

Students will be provided with the school mobile number when we leave which means that they will always have an emergency point of contact whilst in New York. We will also take the students mobile numbers and place them on the school mobile for the duration of the trip after which time they will be deleted.

**Please remind students there are to be no photos or videos whilst in the hotel room so as to respect people's privacy.**

### **Kit List**

- At least 6 days' worth of clothes in case they get wet and need to change
- Warm clothes - tops and bottoms
- Hat, scarf, gloves and warm socks
- At least 2 pairs of shoes which are comfortable and also water proof, it may snow. We advise a pair a boots as opposed to trainers
- Warm coat
- Travel plug for the US
- Chargers for devices
- Entertainment such as books or puzzles
- Blister plasters and travel sickness pills (we are using boats and coaches, trains and planes!)
- Underwear for 6 days
- Pyjamas (Students are sharing rooms)
- Toiletries and tooth brush
- Deodorant and similar items
- A bag to use in New York
- Refillable drinks bottle
- Travel card/money
- Towels and hairdryers are provided at the hotel

We are really looking forward to taking the students on this amazing experience. Any queries please contact Mrs Barlow at Etone College. Otherwise, we will see you all on 7<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00am.

Yours Sincerely



**Mr I Smith**  
**Head teacher**