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Dear Parents

This summer, I visited over thirty universities across the USA and Canada to better understand the opportunities for study for Ampleforth students. From the vibrant city campus of New York University to the historic University of Toronto, each institution had a unique offer: world-class research, creative learning, a global business outlook, and a strong sense of community.

Unlike the UK, where university selection is mainly about deciding on a particular course of study and then considering where to do it, in the US and Canada there is a more holistic approach. Students look for universities which match their values, interests and outlook alongside academic studies. The challenge is finding the 'best fit'. Flexible four-year degree structures allow students to use the first year to explore different subject areas before choosing a major, helping to shape their future path.

Financial support is more accessible than many realise. Universities like Harvard and Columbia meet demonstrated need while prestigious scholarships such as the Jefferson Scholarship (Virginia) or Lester B. Pearson Scholarship (Toronto) can make world-class education a realistic option.

Looking at US and Canadian universities offers diverse pathways, generous support, and an emphasis on finding the best fit for students.

Ampleforth is hosting a USA and Canada University Study webinar on 23 October at 15.30 (please note this is the first day of half-term). All students, particularly those in Year 10 or above, and their families are invited to attend. Confirmed Universities include:

- University of Pennsylvania (Ivy League)
- University of Virginia
- New York University
- University of Colorado
- University of Toronto

Registration in advance is essential using this link: [USA and Canada University Study webinar, 23rd October at 1530](#)

In addition, we have the Catholic University of America (CUA) visiting Ampleforth on 24 November. Any students interested in meeting CUA should get in touch with me.

Kind regards

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