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Dear Parents and Guardians of Year 11 and 12,

We would like to make you aware of a Sixth Form trip to the USA, due to take place October Half Term 2024, from Thursday 24 October to Friday 1 November.

This is a new and exciting opportunity for Ampleforth students. Led by the Politics department, and open to students of other subjects, this promises to be a highly enriching trip, allowing students to delve into the politics, history, art, culture, and business environment of the United States. We will do this through a variety of experiences, including museums, monuments, markets, and memorials. (And, of course, free time for students to explore these cities themselves).

The trip will be undertaken primarily by coach and plane, with coaches from Ampleforth to London airports, flights to America, coaches between cities in the USA, and return by flight and coach to Ampleforth (arrangements can be made for those wanting to go to London at the end of the return leg).

We will be staying in modern and comfortable three-star hotels throughout the trip, on a twin-sharing basis.

The itinerary below offers an outline of the main features of the trip. (Some details may be subject change.)

Thursday 24 October Ampleforth to Boston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach to London airport. • Flight from London to Boston. • Evening to explore Boston.
Friday 25 October Boston Freedom Trail & Plymouth Rock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning tour along the Freedom Trail, showcasing a unique collection of historical sites that tell the story of the American revolution. • Free time in Quincy Market • Coach to Plymouth Harbour, home to Plymouth Rock, where the Mayflower pilgrims first landed in 1620.

<p>Saturday 26 October Boston to Yale & New York</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach to New York, stopping off for lunch in New Haven and a guided tour of Yale University Campus. • Late afternoon/evening to explore the heart of New York City, such as Times Square.
<p>Sunday 27 October Statue of Liberty, 9/11 Museum & Empire State Building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Statue Line Cruise to see Statue of Liberty, and to visit Ellis Island, the arrival point for most of the 26 million immigrants coming to America between 1880 and 1924. • Afternoon visit to the World Trade Centre memorial pools and the 9/11 Memorial Museum. • Early evening visit to the top of the Empire State Building.
<p>Monday 28 October Met Museum (& Broadway Show)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art (known as the Met). • Afternoon to explore New York (possibility to visit other museums such as MOMA or the Guggenheim). • Optional evening activity of a Broadway Show
<p>Tuesday 29 October New York to Philadelphia & Washington, DC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning coach to Philadelphia. Visit the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was signed. • Lunch in Philadelphia's Reading Terminal Market • Afternoon coach to Washington, DC.
<p>Wednesday 30 October Capitol Building, National Archives & Smithsonian Museums</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning guided tour of the Capitol Building, home to the US Congress. • Afternoon visit to the National Archives Building, home to the US Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence. • Time to visit Smithsonian Museums (such as the National Air and Space Museum, or the American Art Museum)
<p>Thursday 31 October White House, National Mall Monument & Arlington</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning visit to White House, followed by the monuments of the National Mall, such as the Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. • After lunch, visit to the Arlington National Cemetery, where the US armed forces are buried. Walking tour including the Gravesite of President Kennedy and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. • Late evening homeward flight.

<p>Friday 1 November London to Ampleforth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival in London. • Coach return to Ampleforth (with possible arrangements made for those going home for the last few days of the half-term break).
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The cost of the trip will depend on the number of students. Our current estimate is that the trip will cost **£2,700** per pupil, which includes accommodation, entry fees, and travel (except for the \$21 ESTA waiver fee). It also includes breakfasts and three group suppers. Students will want to bring personal spending money, which we leave to the discretion of parents (though advice can be given). We hope very much that your son or daughter will be interested in this visit. If so, we would be grateful if you could complete the form through the link below and make a **deposit payment of £270** by **5 of November 2023**. Deposit payment can be made directly to the College's bank account quoting the reference **B500-185**.

[Form for expressing interest in the trip](#)

Bank details for deposit:

Barclays Bank, York

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Account Number: 03744795

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Yours sincerely,

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