



# Ysgol Uwchradd Prestatyn High School

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Dear parent/guardian,

Thank you for your payments thus far regarding the History trip to Washington and New York, 22nd—28th February, 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully remind you any remaining payments **must be made before 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2018**. Instalments can be made at any time, **however these dates must be adhered to due to the travel company we are using.**

As previously mentioned all pupils will be required to have their own passport to travel to America. Unfortunately I am still waiting for some pupils to bring in their passport information and medical form despite requesting this in advance to be brought in to myself by the end of October; I am unable to apply for certain excursions without this information so could I please urge those who have not brought this information in to do so as soon as possible?

Passport holders from the UK or other eligible countries can travel to the USA under the Visa Waiver Program by obtaining an Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA). It is equivalent to a visa but no stamp or label will be placed in your passport. Once issued is it valid for 2 years or until your passport expires whichever is sooner and allows multiple visits to the US. As mentioned in the original interest letter, all parents/guardians must obtain their own child's ESTA. There are some personal questions on this form that parents/guardians will need to answer that we would be unable to. You will need to apply for this using the following address, this link will also feature on the school website:

**<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>**

Please note the US Government charges for this application; the current cost is \$14.00 per person, this is the equivalent of around £10.63.

When applying for the ESTA, you will need to give a USA point of contact, please use the following address and contact number:

**Address: West Side YMCA 5 West 63rd Street, New York, NY 10023**

**Phone number: 001 212 912 2600**



**Once you have received confirmation of the ESTA, you will need to print it off and bring it to myself, failure to do so will mean your child will not be allowed to travel to the USA and you will be subject to costs. The ESTA can take from a few hours to a few weeks to be processed/accepted and your child will not be able to come on the trip without one as they will not be allowed access into the USA.**

We are in the process of finalising specific details for our trip. As mentioned earlier, this cannot be completed without the remaining passport information. Once we are able to finalise our itinerary in both New York and Washington DC, you will receive notification of a parent information evening whereby your child will be able to order their 'hoodie' and receive a booklet with relevant information regarding the trip.

**Please be aware that if you need to cancel the trip at anytime or we remove your child from the trip (see previous letter), you will be subject to the following charges as well as the cost of the flights.**

Duration before the cancellation	Charge
100-29 days before 22nd February, 2019	60% of the trip cost
28-15 days before 22nd February, 2019	80% of the trip cost
14 days before 22nd February, 2019	100% of the trip cost

The staff and pupils are getting very excited about our upcoming trip and we wish to thank you for allowing your child to have this opportunity to experience living history.

Thank you again for your understanding in this matter.

Kind regards,

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