

Dear Parents/Carers

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We are pleased to be writing to you with exciting information about our next Performing Arts' trip to New York in the February half term break 16-20 February 2019. After a very successful trip in 2017 we intend to run it again. We are currently in negotiations with the travel company NST, who arranged our trip last time. We thought it would be useful for you to have some information as early as possible so you can discuss the potential of the trip as a family.

The trip is open to all students studying GCSE Drama or Dance in the academic year 2018 - 2019. Last year we took 40 students to New York and there was a considerable waiting list. Our intention is to try and replicate the trip as much as possible. If uptake is less we will happily run the trip with 30 students if we feel it is cost effective. If you are currently receiving Free School Meals there are funds available to cover the cost of the trip.

The cost of the trip will be approximately £1300-£1400 and includes the following:

- Return flights from London Heathrow to Newark Airport
- All coach transfers
- 4 nights Bed and Breakfast at Hostelling International New York (5th night return travel home)
- All meals
- Subway travel card
- 2 Broadway shows TBC
- 1 x 90 min Broadway 101 workshop
- 1 x 90 min Musical Theatre Workshop
- Entrance to The Empire State Building
- Entrance to Top of the Rock (Rockefeller Centre)
- Tour of NBC Studios
- 3 Course Meal and drink at Ellen's Stardust Diner

Not Included:

- Personal spending money

We will confirm exact costs as soon as they are available. The full balance of our trip will need to be settled by December 2018. We will require an immediate deposit (cash/cheque only) of around £200 as soon as bookings go live (date to be confirmed). Again more information will follow.

All students need to have a full passport that has more than 6 months left until expiry from date of travel. This time we will also ask families to apply for their son/daughter's ESTA Visa (£15.00) rather than do it as a school. We are happy for you to contact us with any questions you have before committing to the trip.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Step – Head of Drama