



5th October 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

Geography trip to New York February 2025

The Buckingham School values the benefit that school trips can have on a student's wider cultural understanding. It is for this reason that we are planning a 5 day residential trip for our current Year 9 and Year 12 students to New York. The trip will run from the morning of Sunday 16th February 2025 and returning on the morning of Thursday 20th February 2025.

The trip is designed as a Geography trip, however your child does not need to currently study Geography to gain a place on this trip. This trip is designed to support students' learning; enabling them to experience local cultures as well as enhance and supplement their education in terms of their moral, cultural and social development.

The price of the proposed trip is £1,625 and there are 40 available. If you would like your child to go on this trip, please click on the following link to complete the Expression of Interest Form: <https://forms.gle/CdzYFxM8Mp7juFjG6>. Please submit your response by 5pm on Friday 13th October 2023. Once all forms are in, if we have more interest than places available, allocation will be made by random selection of unidentifiable entries to ensure fairness.

The cost of the trip will include:

- Flights and transfers
- Breakfast and evening meals in New York
- Accommodation
- Entrance to all activities

If your child is successful on gaining a place on this trip, you will be informed in writing and a holding deposit of £125 will need to be paid via ParentMail by Sunday 5th November 2023. At this same time, you will be also be asked to sign and return a Parental Agreement and a Medical Questionnaire. The Medical Questionnaire will be emailed to you directly and will come from a company called Evolve; please be aware this may go to your spam folder, however, if you have not received it by 20th October 2023, please email smerritt@buckinghamschool.org to request for this to be re-sent to you.

The remaining balance will then need to be paid, also via ParentMail, according to the Payment Schedule set out below. Should you have any issues accessing this site, please email our Finance Team at finance@buckinghamschool.org.

Payment Schedule – payments due by:

5 th November 2023	£125.00	Deposit to secure place
5 th January 2024	£125.00	
5 th February 2024	£125.00	
5 th March 2024	£125.00	
5 th April 2024	£125.00	

5 th May 2024	£125.00	
5 th June 2024	£125.00	
5 th July 2024	£125.00	
5 th August 2024	£125.00	
5 th September 2024	£125.00	
5 th October 2024	£125.00	
5 th November 2024	£125.00	
5 th December 2024	£125.00	Final Balance

It is understood that by paying the deposit, all conditions of the booking, as laid out in the Parental Agreement Form, are accepted and one such condition is that deposits are non-refundable, under any circumstances, once your child's place on the trip has been confirmed.

There will be a pre-departure Parent Information Evening, which you will be invited to attend, where the finer details of the trip, including the confirmed itinerary, will be discussed. I will also need to collect in passports (which need to remain valid for at least 6 months after the date of travel). I will write to you in due course once a date for this meeting has been set.

We appreciate this is a costly trip, therefore we have set 13 payment dates to ensure this is as cost effective as possible.

Should you have any questions or concerns, or would like further information regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Chilton

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