



Vg2Bs

November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

The Politics Department is planning to take a group of Politics' students on an enrichment visit to Washington DC at the beginning of November 2023 for five days and four nights. This trip will provide an opportunity for students to gain a greater understanding of the framework of US government at federal level and an opportunity to visit key national monuments, government buildings and national museums. The trip is not compulsory as it is not a necessary study or field trip but is an opportunity to visit a city that has been at the forefront of world history and Western culture.

The cost of the trip will be in the region of £1100 (plus an additional £80 - £100 buffer in case flight prices increase). A **£150 deposit** will be required by 6 April 2023 so that the best flight prices can be secured and accommodation reserved. The cost includes flights, accommodation, and breakfast. We anticipate an additional amount of approximately £200 will be required to cover lunch and evening meals.

Initially, we are just looking for expressions of interest so that we can gauge probable numbers (which will also affect the final cost). Places are of course limited, and an expression of interest is not a guarantee of a place on the trip. **Please do not try to send any money.** At this stage, we are just looking at the feasibility of the trip, the potential numbers we can safely take and the likely final cost.

If you are interested in your child/ward taking part in this Politics' enrichment trip, please let me know by Friday 24 March by sending a brief email - including the name of your child/ward - to vgaskin@wkgs.net.

Yours sincerely

Ms V Gaskin
Head of Politics

The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the school will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.