Parmiter's School

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18 November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

A Level History and Politics Trip to Washington DC 2027 - Deposit Payment Request

We are delighted to confirm that we will be organising a 3 night, 5 day trip to Washington DC during the October 2027 two week half term. Dates have yet to be confirmed, as we are trying to secure the best possible price for this trip.

We will be visiting several sites relating to both the History and Politics courses, including Congress, the Supreme Court, the White House visitor centre and several museums and memorials, which tie in very closely with the Unit 1 History study, Cold War coursework and Politics units. The trip is not compulsory nor a requirement of the courses, but it would add valuable first-hand understanding for students and has proven very popular in previous years.

Whilst we are still procuring quotes, the cost of the trip is estimated between £1500 - £1700 per student. **Please note that if the cost of the trip exceeds £1700 or we do not have enough participants, then the trip will not run and deposit payments will be refunded.** The cost will include flights from Heathrow and one checked bag, half board accommodation with breakfast and dinner provided whilst in the USA, entry to museums and relevant sites of interest. **We need 30 students to make this trip viable** and, should we have more than 30 students sign up, names will be drawn out of a hat if we are unable to secure more than 30 places.

The price does not include the ESTA (around $40), or other required documentation, which is a requirement for travelling to the United States. Parents/carers will be responsible for checking the individual visa requirements, should your child have a non-British passport. More information in this regard will be communicated in the Spring term.

If your child would like to take part in this trip, please make the deposit payment of **£300** via WisePay (under Trips & Visits) and complete the Medical Form by **Friday 4 December 2026**. Please note that the deposit is non-refundable, unless we are unable to run the trip. We are aware of the short time-frame for payment, but this is due to flights and accommodation needing to be booked as soon as possible.

By paying, you are consenting to your child taking part in the above school trip. May we take this opportunity to reiterate that this payment fully commits your child to the trip and no refunds will be given if your child pulls out, except as a direct and necessary result of any cause outside of the student's control (for example, serious illness/injury) or if we are unable to run the trip. If your child subsequently decides not to take part in the visit, you will lose all monies paid to date unless a replacement student can be found to fill the place.

The safety and well-being of the students is our prime consideration and we hope this will be a successful and enjoyable trip. Therefore, in the lead up to the trip, all allocated places will be subject to the lead teacher's satisfaction that the student is a suitable representative of the school. Students who do not conform to the school's Behaviour policy during this time will forfeit their place and any monies already paid. During the trip, if your child fails to meet the behaviour expectations, then you will be asked to make arrangements for your child to return from Washington at your own expense.

If you have any further questions in this regard, please email n.lincoln@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

Kind regards

Ms N Lincoln
Trip Organiser