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## Washington DC, Virginia & Pennsylvania 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians,

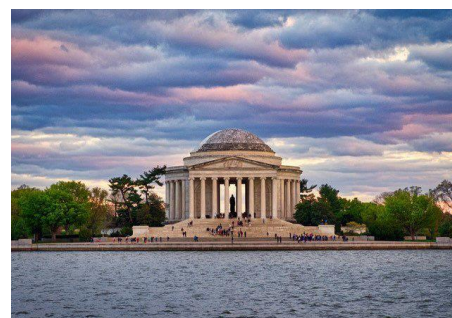
We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all people are created equal, and are endowed with certain inalienable rights, amongst those are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness in the form of the study of History & Politics.

The department, in order to form a more perfect Union of knowledge with experience, will be embarking on a first epic voyage to Washington DC, Pennsylvania and Virginia in the final week of Easter term 2023 (dates TBC; 7 days between the last week of term and the beginning of the Easter Holidays, depending on flights). This is a new and exciting trip for the department and the school, and next year's History & Politics students from Upper and Lower 6th will have the opportunity to attend (ie current 5<sup>th</sup> year and L6th who have chosen History / Politics).

Our itinerary should include the following:

**Washington DC:** Visits here will focus on the center of the USA's political and ideological power from the War of Independence to the Civil War (to tie in with our Upper 6<sup>th</sup> coursework unit on Abolition and Slavery), The Cold War (to augment this A-Level examined unit), and US Politics. Key sites should include:

- The Washington, Jefferson, FDR, MLK, Lincoln, Korea and Vietnam Memorials and Monuments
- The Smithsonian museums on the Mall, including the National Museum of African American History
- The United States Capitol building, Supreme Court and Library of Congress
- The National Archives where we will view the founding documents of the USA
- The Pentagon
- Arlington Cemetery



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**We are also planning two day trips to key sites from the founding of the USA and the Civil war including:**

- Monticello – Thomas Jefferson’s slave plantation
- Gettysburg – Site of a key Union victory, and Lincoln’s later speech, in 1863

We will also take in a sports fixture at either the Capital One Arena; home of The Washington Capitals (Stanley Cup Champions 2019), Georgetown Hoyas and Washington Wizards or Nationals Park; Home of The Washington Nationals.



The trip is a full immersion not only into the birth of American Liberty and its ensuing ‘experiment in Democracy’, but also its inner conflict from 1783-1865 and onwards before its projection onto the World Stage after WWI, and especially during the Cold War and current affairs.

The trip will therefore tie-in precisely with the two of the three units from both History and Politics, and will also take in the exceptional architecture, culture and cuisine of Washington DC, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Thus, the trip will be a cultural, sporting, as well as Political and Historical, tour de force.

The cost of the trip will be approximately £1500-£1700 and places will be strictly limited.

**In order to secure your son’s / daughter’s place, please can you make a payment of £250 via parent pay before Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of April at 1600, and send me a copy of their passport photo page by email. Please note that the deposit is only refundable if a replacement can be found should your son / daughter choose to drop out at a later date, or if the trip is initially oversubscribed.**

If you would like further information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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