



IDSALL SCHOOL

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March 2016

Dear Parents / Guardians

GCSE and A Level Art Trip to New York 2017

I am writing with details of a proposed visit to New York designed specifically for Art students at GCSE and A Level. The visit will take place in February half term 2017 from Sunday 19th – Friday 24th February 2017. We will be using Halsbury Travel tour operator who specialise in school educational visits. We have found them to be competitively priced, well organised and with experienced, high quality couriers and coach drivers.

The purpose of the visit is to provide students with first-hand experience of the art and culture of New York. Although participation is not a requirement or integral part of the GCSE and A Level Courses, the sketchbook work or diaries that the students produce during the day and evening may be incorporated in their studies back in school.

We have been allocated a maximum of 30 places for our students on this visit. We will be holding a short parental briefing on **Thursday 24th March 2016 at 6pm** to highlight the exciting details of the trip and answer any questions you may have. Once the briefing has taken place and you are happy with the proposed trip and you wish to take advantage of this wonderful experience for your child, please return the reply slip from this letter with a **£150 non-refundable** deposit to the Finance Office by **Friday 6th May 2016** in order to secure a place*. Cheques should be made payable to 'Idsall School Fund'. **Please note that spaces are NOT allocated on first come first served basis.**

***Please note: deposits will not be accepted until the morning after the parental information evening.**

After the initial deposit, all payments can be paid by the following methods:

1. By Cash or Cheque to the Finance Office. Cheques should be made payable to **Idsall School Fund**.
2. By online payment as I am pleased to say that the school can now accept payments online. Online payments can be made via ParentPay - www.parentpay.com and it offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available.

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Cancellations made after the final payment date may not receive any refund.

Places for this wonderful trip are unfortunately limited to 30 and if the trip is oversubscribed places will have to be allocated by drawing names out of a hat, with the remaining students going onto a waiting list. However, if we do not receive sufficient interest in the trip by this date, then all deposits will be returned.

The total cost of the visit is £1100.00. This covers transport flights and one-week metro-card; 6 hour guided tour with licensed NYC guide, including visits to Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and 9/11 memorial; entrance to Empire State Building Observatory; entrance to Metropolitan Museum of Art including a 1 hour guided tour; entrance to the Met Breuer; entrance to Guggenheim Museum; entrance to Museum of Modern Art including a one hour guided tour; 4 hour tour with licensed NYC guide, including visit to Grand Central Terminal and Rockefeller Centre; graffiti art of the Lower East Side and the Bowery Walking Tour; graffiti workshop; as well as staying in a hotel including breakfast and evening meals. Full comprehensive insurance is also included for each pupil.

If the trip goes ahead, I will contact you during May confirming your booking and will forward a payment card showing the date of the second payment and a Halsbury Travel booking form which will need completing and returning. Please note that once you have a place booked on the trip your deposit becomes non-refundable should you need to withdraw. Each student will need to obtain a VISA to enter New York this will be individual parent's responsibility to obtain an ESTA and provide a copy of this to the school <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>. This will need to be completed and handed into school at the final presentation meeting in February 2017.

In early February 2017 all group members and parents will be invited to an information evening at Idsall School.

Please note spending money will be required for lunch, snacks, drinks, gifts etc (including any possible entrance fees). An estimated amount of £150.00 should be sufficient.

Parents and students should also be aware that if a pupil's behaviour becomes unacceptable then the school reserves the right to exclude them from the trip. If this action were to be necessary then the school would reimburse payments in full.

This promises to be a most exciting and enjoyable visit and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Baldwin

Head of Year 10



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Please return to Mrs Rushton in the Finance Office by
Friday 6th May 2016

Full name (as it appears / or will appear on their passport)

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I would like my child to be in the group and enclose cash/ a cheque for £150.00 to cover the first deposit. Cheques made payable to Idsall School Fund.

Signed..... Parent/Guardian

School use:

	Date
Reply slip received	
First deposit received	

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Allocated a place	
Put on reserve list	

**Please return to Reception by
Monday 21st March 2016**

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Students Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

I / We will / will not be attending the briefing on

Thursday 24th March 2016 at 6pm

We will require _____ seats.



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