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Dear Parent/Carer

17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**YEAR 12 A LEVEL POLITICS/HISTORY TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC, USA.**

The History and Politics Department is organising a trip to Washington DC in October next academic year. The trip will depart by plane and take place between the 23rd and 28th October 2024 (**subject to confirmation**). The trip will include a range of activities such as the Capitol building, the White house visitor centre, various Smithsoneons museums, the Lincoln memorial, a college football game and more. This trip is designed to provide students with an invaluable insight into US Government and Politics and enhance student understanding of the Civil Rights movement in the USA, particularly aiding students NEA's in History.

Cost: **£1500-1600\***

Venue: **Washington DC, USA**

*\* Please be aware that the costs are dependent on the numbers of students who sign up. A full price will be worked out after students have had the opportunity to sign up, upon which time, a full payment schedule will be shared.*

The cost of the tour will include:

Flight by scheduled airline

Coach transfer from airport to hotel

Coach transfer between school and airport

Accommodation and evening meals

Entry fees to all museums, tours & activities

Fully comp travel insurance

**In order to secure a place, please pay a deposit of £150. The preferred method of payment is through the student's online sQuid account. Parental consent can also be given at the same time. This will negate the need to return the reply slip.** If you wish to register for this method of payment please email [finance@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:finance@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk).

If the trip is over subscribed, we will draw names in a random ballot, with those students unsuccessful being placed on a waiting list and refunded. **The trip offer will go live on Squid on Monday 20th November, students can sign up at that time.**

If you wish to pay by cheque or cash, please hand in a sealed envelope (with name, tutor group and **Washington DC 2024 Study Trip** clearly marked on the front) with the cash or cheque inside along with the attached reply slip. Please fill in the reply slip below if you wish to give your consent and return it by **Monday 4th December**. Please make all cheques payable to "**Vandyke School Fund**" and handed directly into the finance office at school. Please note that this trip is dependent on sufficient numbers taking up this opportunity.

At this point if there is a known reason why a student may need one to one care at any point on the trip, please make us aware. **The Vandyke Opportunities Fund** is available to support families in financial hardship. If you think you might qualify please contact Mrs Verrier at school using [verrierm@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:verrierm@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk) or call 01525 636700. There are clear criteria that set out when financial support can be provided and Mrs Verrier will be pleased to speak with you in confidence about this.

If you have any queries regarding this visit please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Bodo



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ONLY COMPLETE IF PAYING BY CASH OR CHEQUE

FAO Mr Bodo – Re. WASHINGTON DC  
STUDY VISIT 2024

Student’s name: ..... Tutor Group:.....

I consent to my child taking part in the WASHINGTON DC STUDY TRIP

Signed: ..... (Parent/Carer) Date: .....

Name: ..... Email Address: .....

Medical and dietary requirements

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