THE GRANGE SCHOOL

Mr V Murray – Headteacher

November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Sixth Form Study Visit to New York (11th -15th February 2028)

I am delighted to be able to offer Sixth Form students in our current Year 12 the opportunity of visiting New York from **11th – 15th February 2028.** We have run this visit very successfully in the past in conjunction with NST, a specialist travel company for school visits. The 5 days/4 nights visit will give students the chance to experience a residential stay in the USA and the opportunity to visit not only a number of business and finance related institutions, but also some of the main tourist destinations. Due to the nature of the visit, I am proposing to take a maximum of 30 students.

The cost of this visit will be **£1950** per student. I must make it clear that if we do not receive enough interest, the visit may not take place, but I have tried to give enough time for parents/students to split the cost through a payment plan. The school will shortly make a booking with NST on your behalf, and it is understood that all conditions of the bookings are as laid down by the tour operator, e.g. deposits are non-refundable once they have been forwarded to the tour operator except for cancellations due to medical reasons, confirmed by a doctor. This is a condition of the tour operator. Once the final payment has been made, the company will not be able to refund any monies if a replacement cannot be found.

The deposit for the visit will be **£250** and is to be paid by **Friday 13 November 2026**. Due to the high cost of the visit, we will set up a payment scheme for 10 monthly payments to be made from November 2026 – August 2027, at a fixed amount of **£150 per month** with a final payment of **£200 in September 2027**. All payments will be made through the Bromcom's My Child At School (MCAS) portal.

The cost of the visit includes:

- Flights to and from New York, including transfer by coach to our accommodation in New York
- Subway travel in Manhattan
- Breakfast and dinners all included
- Entrance fees to all sights/meetings: Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, Top of the Rock, guided walking tour of Wall Street and the Financial District, 9/11 Memorial and Downtown Manhattan, Hersheys World of Chocolate, Rise:NY The Ride, The NY Tenement Museum, Grand Central Station; Central Park; a broadway show or Brooklyn Nets Basketball game and time for shopping at Macy's (the world largest department store).
- Insurance.

It is a condition of entry to the USA that all students have a current passport that is valid for until at least **31 October 2028** and all students will need to apply for and get an ESTA visa waiver at an additional cost (approx. £30) or relevant Visa for US entry, however this is not needed until nearer the time.

During the visit, students will be supervised by staff and by guides where appropriate to help them to appreciate the places they will visit. However, I must stress that the main aim of the visit is that students should learn by enjoying their experience abroad.

As I have indicated, places for this visit are limited and I am looking for a maximum 30 students. If you wish for your child to attend this visit, please make payment via your Bronco account, by selecting 'NEW YORK 2028 Trip" under the Trips section by **Friday 13th November 2026.** No student will be debarred from taking part, but if sufficient contributions do not materialise to cover the cost of the visit, it will be cancelled.

Places will be allocated on a random basis if more than 30 places are paid for. If your child is not selected, then the deposit will be refunded to you. I will contact you by letter to confirm whether your child has a place on the visit, as well as details of the payment plan should they have a place on the visit.

If you have any questions at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me via email on ahaycock@grange.bucks.sch.uk

Yours faithfully



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