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Dear Parent/Guardian

New York Media Trip, Tuesday 30 March – Saturday 3 April 2027

Hedingham School is offering Sixth Form students who intend to continue their studies into Year 13, the exciting experience to visit New York in Easter 2027. This is a fantastic opportunity for students as they will get to visit a number of iconic landmarks and will get the chance to further their understanding of both the media and photography industries, all the while immersing themselves in one of the most exciting and vibrant cities in the world. Please note that whilst this trip will enhance students' wider knowledge, this trip is optional and is not necessary for the completion of any of our Sixth Form courses. We welcome all Sixth Form students on the trip, though priority places will be given to those studying Digital Media, Film or Photography.

We have been offered an excellent package from Absolute Travel & Tours who are fully ABTA approved and have years of experience in organising school trips.

We have currently been given a quote of £1951 per student and includes the following transport, hotel, visits and meals:

- **Flights** - Flights from London Heathrow to New York and return
- **Hotel** - 3 nights at the Freehand hotel on a bed and breakfast basis
- **Insurance** - Travel Insurance
- **Airport Transfers** - Airport Transfers from JFK/Newark airport to hotel and return
- Coach from Hedingham School to London Heathrow return
- **Visits**
 - Top of the Rock
 - The Museum of Moving Image
 - NBC Studio Tour
 - Central Park
 - Times Square
 - Wall Street
 - Staten Island Ferry (to view the statue of Liberty)
 - Brooklyn Bridge
 - The High Line
- **Evening Meals**
 - 3 evening meals at popular locations such as Ellen's Stardust Diner Times Square and Hard Rock Café Times Square

Not included in the price:

- American ESTA Visa which currently costs \$40 and must be purchased closer to the trip by each individual student
- Lunches
- Subway travel (which will cost a maximum of \$34)

Please note flights are not released and confirmed until May 2026 – therefore, prices are subject to a small increase. However, we hope that the price stated should cover this increase as advised by Absolute Travel. The price of **£1951** is based on 25 students with 3 members of staff. If more than 25 students sign up to the trip, this cost will likely be reduced.

I am sure that the trip will prove to be popular. However, the trip has a maximum number of 32 student places. If you would like your son/daughter to join this exciting trip I would ask that you fill in the electronic reply slip via the link at the bottom of this letter. If the trip is oversubscribed successful students will be randomly selected via a draw. The reply slips must be completed by **Friday 24 October** – to ensure a place in the draw.

If your son/daughter is chosen from the draw you will receive a letter with more information and an updated cost depending on student numbers and then the following deposits will be required:

- £250 non-refundable deposit by iPay – required once you have received a place on the trip. Deadline for this will be Friday 7 November 2025
- A further £250 non-refundable deposit by iPay required by Monday 12 January 2026.
- The final balance of £1451 will then be paid over regular, manageable instalments over the next 12 months (final payment in January 2027) by iPay. A plan will be sent out to all students who successfully gained a place on the trip shortly after the first deposit payment.

Please be aware that once a student has committed to the trip and paid the initial deposit, it is non-refundable.

If a student drops out of the trip at a later date, the following amounts will be charged:

- More than 84 days prior to departure – any supplier costs already paid to Absolute Travel & Tours
- 84-29 days before departure – 75% of the total cost
- 28-0 days before departure – 100% of the total cost

Yours sincerely



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Head of Media & Photography/New York Trip Organiser

Link to the reply slip: <https://forms.office.com/e/UiTF8vVJnL>

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