

"An Academy to be Proud of"

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to be able to write to you to offer a fantastic opportunity for our students at Armfield Academy. I am proposing a residential visit to New York City, including visits to key cultural / travel & tourism locations, as well as performing arts activities, including:

- Tour of the Empire State Building
- Staten Island Ferry Tour (including the Statue of Liberty)
- Broadway Theatre Show
- Guided visit to Lincoln Centre of Performing Arts
- Guided walking tour of TV and movie sites
- Visit to Central Park
- Visit to Times Square
- 9/11 Memorial

The visit would spread across 4 nights and 5 days. At present, students would depart on **Saturday 29th May 2027 and return on Wednesday 2nd June 2027**. Please note: until flights are confirmed with the initial deposits, this date may change slightly, depending on flight schedules, prices and seat availability.

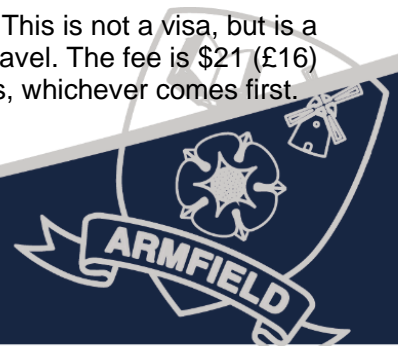
The total cost of the trip is **£1,859** and this is inclusive of flights, hotel in midtown New York, transport across New York via the subway, all tours and excursions, as well as a hoodie to be worn in the airport so that our students are recognisable. This price includes a contingency payment (for the flights) as these fluctuate daily and are not released until June 2026. This has already been included in the price above. The remaining value of the contingency will be taken off the final payment, depending on the final price of the flights.

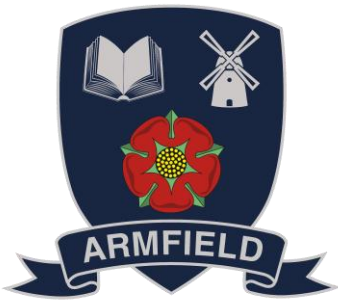
Places on the trip will be generated using a random name generator based on the replies received on the Google Form attached. Link is attached [here](#) as well as in the message home on MCAS. There are **25 places available**. Students will be required to display maturity and empathy whilst representing Armfield Academy in New York. Our students have always been highly complemented by the general public whilst visiting Iceland, Berlin, Italy and Krakow on previous overseas visits. Students will be refused a place on the trip, if their decisions in class do not meet the academy's expectations.

Students will be staying at Courtyard Midtown East, centrally located giving access to New York's famous Fifth Avenue. Students will be staying in a "bedshare" option, purely to give students better quality accommodation and is much cheaper than individual beds. Most students treat this as a "sleepover" and they're so exhausted after a day exploring the Big Apple, they just need somewhere to rest their head. Students will have the option to choose who they wish to bedshare with. Beds are always of 'queen size' or above.

Students will be responsible for purchasing some of their own food and drink. Evening meals will be provided at different eateries in New York. Quite often, students wish to purchase their own breakfast / lunch instead of school-provided food. In order not to 'waste' spending on food that students simply don't eat, staff will give students the opportunity to purchase their own breakfast and lunch during an allocated period of the day.

Parents will need to apply for an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization). This is not a visa, but is a pre-authorization for travel. This will need to be applied for at least 3 weeks before travel. The fee is \$21 (£16) and an approved ESTA is generally valid for two years, or until your passport expires, whichever comes first.





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The attached [Google Link](#) is to be completed to express your child's interest. Once your child's place on the trip is confirmed and your son / daughter has received an offer letter, a **£150 non-refundable deposit** will be due by 4th April 2026 and will be required to be paid via MCAS. The remaining balance will be set up as a payment schedule on MCAS to allow the total cost of the trip to be paid in increments as follows:

- Initial non-refundable deposit of £150 by 4th April 2026.
- Payment 2 - £200 by 1st May 2026.
- Payment 3 - £180 by 1st June 2026
- Payment 4 - £180 by 1st July 2026
- Payment 5 - £180 by 1st August 2026
- Payment 6 - £180 by 1st September 2026
- Payment 7 - £180 by 1st October 2026
- Payment 8 - £180 by 1st November 2026
- Payment 9 - £180 by 1st December 2026
- Payment 10 – Final balance (£249) by 1st January 2027

Thank you for your continued support of Armfield Academy and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or via email at: l.crewdson@armfield.fcat.org.uk

Best regards,

Mr L. Crewdson
Head of Humanities

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