

15 June 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian

Performing Arts New York Trip (June 2028) - Expression of Interest

We are currently exploring the possibility of an international educational trip to New York with a focus on the Performing Arts. The purpose of this letter is to provide preliminary information to gauge interest.

We propose a 5-day, 4-night trip to depart on Wednesday, 21 June, and return on Sunday, 25 June 2028.

This visit is designed to provide a unique and enriching experience, combining high-quality performing arts exposure with important cultural and historical learning. New York is one of the world's leading centres for theatre, music and performance, offering students inspiration that goes far beyond the classroom.

There will be places for 40 pupils at the estimated cost of £2000 per person. Accommodation, travel costs, insurance and a trip hoodie are included along with half-board meals and entrance fees to attractions. Pupils should also allow for approximately £25 per day to cover lunches and any extra for personal spending.

Through this trip, students will:

- Experience a live Broadway theatre performance
- Take part in a 90-minute professional workshop tailored to a Broadway show (show to be confirmed)
- Enjoy a 'Stage Door' tour at Radio City, offering insight into backstage production
- A visit to The Museum of Broadway

Alongside performing arts, students will also gain a deeper understanding of history and culture through visits to:

- The 9/11 Memorial (Ground Zero)
- Westfield World Trade Centre
- St Patrick's Cathedral
- Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)

Students will take part in a wide range of activities, including:

Landmarks & Sightseeing

- Visit to Times Square
- Visit to Top of the Rock
- Visit to Central Park
- Walk across Brooklyn Bridge

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- Visit to Grand Central Terminal
- Visit to Macy's Department Store
- Return journey on the Staten Island Ferry

Dining Experiences

2-course meal with soft drink at Tick Tock Diner

3-course meal with soft drink at Ellen's Stardust Diner (famous for singing waitstaff)

This ensures the trip is both creative and educational, encouraging reflection, cultural awareness, and global understanding.

If this is something that interests you and your child, please complete the expression of interest form on SCOPay by Friday, 19 June (no payment will be taken). Your response will help us assess the feasibility of this trip and we will provide more detailed information following initial feedback.

Please be mindful before registering your interest that you read the following:

Once allocated a place and confirming your consent for this trip, you will enter into an agreement with Penwortham Priory Academy to complete all payments by the published deadline/s. Should your child be unable to go on the trip, for whatever reason, all monies agreed must continue to be paid. If the place can be filled with another pupil, a refund will be given, less the administration costs to change the place. In the event of an insurance claim, all monies would be refunded to the payee only after settlement of the claim and receipt of the refund in school.

Please also note: If your child cannot attend the trip (personal choice) OR a deterioration in your child's behaviour/attendance results in their place being revoked, any monies already paid will be non-refundable. We will always do our best to fill the place, but this cannot be guaranteed.

If your child should receive a place on this trip, it will be subject to them adhering to the school's behaviour policy from now until the trip. If your child fails to follow this, then Mr Bullock (Educational Visits Co-Ordinator) and Miss Howell (Trip Leader) will discuss your child's suitability for this trip, and if needed your child may be removed from the trip and their place allocated to a pupil on the reserve list.

The trip promises to be a highly valuable and memorable educational experience, and we very much hope to be able to offer this opportunity to our pupils.

Yours faithfully



Miss F Howell
Lead Teacher for Drama