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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are hoping to organise an exciting Politics trip to New York & Washington DC over the October half-term holiday 2018. This 6 day trip will leave on Friday 26th October visiting New York first, travelling to Washington DC on Sunday 28th and returning to Presdales about midday on Thursday 1st November.

The trip is open to any member of the Sixth Form but priority will be given to those studying Government and Politics as it will be an excellent opportunity for those students to see many of the places that they will be learning about in Year 13. We have also chosen Washington at this time because Donald Trump and the Republican Party will be facing mid-term Congressional Elections the following week and the atmosphere in the city will be especially alive!

The itinerary will involve visits to the main sites of interest in New York including: Time Square, Central Park, the Rockefeller building and Ground Zero Museum, and in Washington including: the Ford Theatre (where Lincoln was shot), the Newseum, the Smithsonian Institute, Arlington cemetery (where JFK is buried), the Washington Monument, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the National Air and Space Museum and Georgetown. There will also be guided tours of the Capitol building and the Supreme Court, a visit to the White House and, where possible, meetings with political 'players' in the city who can give insights into the nature of American democracy and the political processes they are involved in.

We hope to keep costs to a minimum and at the moment our best estimate of the cost of the trip, which includes flights, transfers, accommodation, entrance fees, breakfast & evening meals and insurance is £1380. This is an approximate figure and may vary according to the numbers wishing to go. Your son/daughter will need their own passport and visa for the trip.

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in the visit, please sign the form below and return it to Mrs Eyre in the main office with a deposit of £150 payable in cash or cheque (made payable to Presdales School) or via Wisepay by **Friday 21st July**. Once final numbers are confirmed we will let you know the balance required and the dates of further instalments.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J. Spurgeon
Head of Politics

To: Mrs Eyre

Re: New York / Washington DC Trip, October 2018

I would like my daughter _____, Form _____ to take part in the trip. I enclose a non-returnable deposit of £150

Signed _____ (parent/guardian) Date _____

