

# St Monica's R.C. High School



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Dear Parent/ Carer,

## Geography Enrichment Trip to New York: February half-term, 2020 – Cost approx. £999

After the success of the past visits to New York the Geography department are arranging a fourth visit to New York during the February half term, 2020. The trip will depart on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> and return on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February for 3 nights and 5 days to New York. The trip will be opened up to all *current* year ten pupils who are studying GCSE Geography. The trip will be limited to 50 students who will travel with five members of staff. We are working in partnership with NST Travel Group who are a well-established educational travel company.

We have managed to negotiate the trip for approx. £999. This includes return flights from Manchester to New York via Heathrow, transfers, accommodation, travel insurance, breakfast and evening meals and numerous activities. The trip will consist of sight-seeing such as High Line, Times Square, Staten Island Ferry, 9-11 Memorial and Central Park as well as many other activities.

**Please be aware that this trip is not compulsory and is an enrichment activity rather than a statutory scheme of work.** This represents excellent value for money, having received quotations significantly higher.

If your child is interested in this trip please return the reply slip below with a £100 deposit (via parent pay) by Friday, the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Upon receipt of the reply slip and taking into account initial and on-going pastoral checks including good attendance, good punctuality, good behaviour etc. a letter confirming acceptance on the trip will follow with further details of a payment plan. Should the trip be oversubscribed, names will be drawn from a 'hat', as per school policy. Your deposit will be refunded via parent pay if your child is not successful in gaining a place on the trip.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT REFUNDS FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TRIP WILL ONLY TAKE PLACE IF A REPLACEMENT PUPIL IS ALLOCATED ON THE TRIP (subject to tour operator charges).**

**CANCELLATION FEES (FROM THE TOUR OPERATOR) WILL APPLY FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TRIP (IF NO REPLACEMENT IS FOUND) AT ANY POINT YOU WILL BE LIABLE TO PAY THE CANCELLATION FEE.**

Payment schedules will run from Jan '18-Dec'18.

The school has the right to review and veto any place offered up to the point of departure and during the trip based upon behaviour, attendance and attainment.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr R Day,  
New York Trip - Lead

### Reply Slip- Geography Trip to New York 2020

Name of Parent/Carer..... Name of Student.....Form.....

I would like my son / daughter to be considered for a place on the Geography Trip to New York in February 2020 and have paid £100 deposit via parent pay.

Please note that this is an expression of interest only and your child is not guaranteed a place on this trip.

Signed..... Date.....

