



Friday 21 March

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to provide you with important details regarding the upcoming Year 10 trip to New York, which is fast approaching. Below, you will find the flight details, luggage information, accommodation arrangements, a detailed itinerary of the trip and some other important information.

Flight Details:

Departure Date	Departure Airport	Departure Time	Arrival Date	Arrival Airport	Arrival Time	Airline	Flight Number	Locator
10/04/2025	Heathrow International Airport	12:55	10/04/2025	John F Kennedy International Airport	16:00	Virgin Atlantic	VS 9	DAHQ6J, DAJND2, DAHRJM, DALVRL
14/04/2025	John F Kennedy International Airport	21:30	15/04/2025	Heathrow International Airport	10:00	Virgin Atlantic	VS 154	DAHQ6J, DAJND2, DAHRJM, DALVRL

Luggage Allowance:

Each person is allowed the following luggage on Virgin Atlantic Airways:

- **Hand Luggage:** One piece, not exceeding 10 kg, and no larger than 23 cm x 36 cm x 56 cm (including the handle, pockets, and wheels).
- **Checked Luggage:** One piece, not exceeding 23 kg, and no larger than 90 cm x 75 cm x 43 cm.

Please remember that we are going for 5 days and your child will be responsible for transporting their own hand luggage and suitcase to / from the airport and to their room when we arrive at the hostel.

Accommodation Details:

- **Hotel Name:** West Side YMCA, 5 West 63rd Street, New York, USA, NY 10023
- **Telephone:** 001 212 912 2600
- **Board:** Room Only
- **Arrival Date:** 10/04/2025
- **Departure Date:** 14/04/2025

Itinerary:

Day	Time	Activity
Day 1: Thursday, 10 April 2025	09:55 hrs	Check-in at Heathrow International Airport (Terminal 3)
	12:55 hrs	Flight departs Heathrow for New York (VS 9)
	16:00 hrs	Arrive at John F Kennedy International Airport
	19:00 hrs	Arrival at West Side YMCA Hotel
	21:00 hrs	Dinner at Tick Tock Diner
Day 2: Friday, 11 April 2025	08:00 hrs	Breakfast at Old John's

	09:45 hrs	Self-guided visit to Top of the Rock
	11:45 hrs	Landmarks Cruise (Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises)
	18:45 hrs	Dinner at Hard Rock Café
Day 3: Saturday, 12 April 2025	07:30 hrs	Breakfast at Old John's
	09:00 hrs	Coach to Coney Island Amusement Park
	11:00 hrs	Full day at Coney Island
	16:00 hrs	Dinner at Dallas BBQ Chelsea
	19:45 hrs	Self-guided Night Sky visit at the Empire State Building
Day 4: Sunday, 13 April 2025	08:00 hrs	Breakfast at Old John's
	Morning	Visit Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island (via Battery Park)
	15:30 hrs	Midtown Manhattan Walking Tour
	19:45 hrs	Dinner at Bubba Gump Shrimp Restaurant
Day 5: Monday, 14 April 2025	07:30 hrs	Breakfast at Old John's
	09:45 hrs	All Access Tour at Madison Square Garden
	16:30 hrs	Coach transfer to John F Kennedy International Airport
	18:30 hrs	Check-in at John F Kennedy Airport (Terminal 4)
	21:30 hrs	Flight departs for London (VS 154)
Day 6: Tuesday, 15 April 2025	10:00 hrs	Arrive at Heathrow International Airport

Important Notes:

Departure from NLS

- All students will need to be at school by **06:45 hrs on Thursday, 10 April 2025**, as the departure will be at **07:15 hrs**. Students will need breakfast before arriving at school. They will have time to purchase some lunch at the airport before enjoying their inflight meals and drinks.
- Students will hand in their passports to me at school, and I will be responsible for them throughout the trip.

Medication:

- In terms of medicine, parents/ carers must acquaint themselves with the policy here: [Link to Policy on Supporting Students with Medical Needs](#). Parents/ carers will need to ensure they pass on all medicines (prescription or over-the-counter ones) with a copy of the Parental Agreement (consent) form found on page 6. to me, along with their passport, when they arrive at school.

Arrival in New York:

- Once we arrive, we will drop off our luggage at the hotel and head straight out for dinner.

Tracking the Trip:

- I will provide access to the NST MyTrip App, which will allow you to follow our journey while we are away. You will be able to track our location and see photos as they are uploaded. This will give you a chance to be part of the experience, even from afar. I will provide a link to access the NST MyTrip App a few days before departure.

Blue Rucksacks:

- Each student will be provided with a **Blue Rucksack**, which they will wear every day during all excursions. This will help to identify our students at all times. The rucksack will also allow them

to carry important items such as a jumper, waterproof jacket, umbrella, phone, and other small belongings safely.

Rooming Arrangements:

- Your child has already chosen their room and will be sharing it with one other peer. This should contribute to a more comfortable and restful experience during our stay.

Money and Personal Items:

- Students will be responsible for managing their own money, cards, and phones throughout the trip. They will only need to purchase lunch each day, which I estimate will cost approximately **\$30**. If they wish to purchase additional items or memorabilia, they are welcome to bring extra funds.
- Phones may be used for photos (not checking social media, gaming or scrolling etc) while out and about visiting the sights. Students must gain permission from other students before they take a photo and are not to take photos of staff. No photos are to be posted to social media during the trip or after. The responsibility for having a phone is with the student please ensure your own insurance covers any loss or damage.

Arrival back to NLS:

- We are expected to land at Heathrow Airport at 10.00 on Tuesday 15 April. I envisage that we will arrive back to school at approximately 13.00. We will ask students to contact you when we are on board the coach to provide a more accurate ETA. (I HAVE ASKED CARL IS SET UP ON GROUPOCALL TO BE ABLE TO SEND A MESSAGE TO PARENTS)

I will be available via the school mobile for any emergencies. The contact numbers are: **Trip phone 1:** 07918 335230.

Trip phone 2: 07386 685678.

In the meantime if you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your support. We are all looking forward to what promises to be a fantastic and memorable experience for all the students.

Warm regards,

Mr Royle
Year 10 Lead