

May 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians

The Geography Department are pleased to be able to invite our Year 9 and Year 10 pupils on a residential visit to New York during the Easter holidays in 2011. We are currently arranging this trip with European Study Tours. As I am sure you are aware Iceland's Eyjafjallajokul volcano has caused many flight disruptions over the last month and therefore flight dates are to be confirmed but it is anticipated that we would leave on **Monday 11 April** and return on **Saturday 16 April 2011**.

The cost of the trip will be **£825.00** which would include full board and lodging, transport, insurance and a range of activities specified below. The price of this trip may decrease depending on numbers of pupils who wish to attend as well as flight prices. If the trip does reduce in cost a reimbursement will be made. The price of the trip has been costed on 30 pupils taking part in the visit. As spaces on the trip are limited these will be allocated on a first come first served basis with an initial **non-refundable deposit of £200.00** payable on ParentPay required no later than **30th June 2010**.

The accommodation is with the Hostelling International Amsterdam, www.hinewyork.org. This will be dormitory style accommodation (four to twelve-bedded rooms) with shared bathrooms in the hallways. Linens, towels, and a housekeeping service are provided free of charge.

During their stay pupils will visit a tenement museum, China Town and Little Italy, Ellis Island, Central Park, the United Nations Building as well as a Sky Scraper museum. Optional excursions will be offered, details of which will be provided at a later date.

The trip is being booked with European Study Tours. They have 27 years experience in educational travel and their priority is the health and safety of our group. As well as being a fully bonded member of ABTA and ATOL they operate a Safety Management System, as recommended by the Department for Education.

If you would like your daughter to take part in this trip please return the slip no later than 30th June 2010. Once we have flight confirmation and final prices we will write to you again.

Yours sincerely

Miss B Habib

Geography Department

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Westcliff High School for Girls

My daughter: _____ Form: _____

would be interested in attending the **Geography New York residential trip during Easter 2011**.
I have paid the required non-refundable deposit of £200.00 on ParentPay.

Signed: _____ (parent/guardian)