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**Dear Families** 

## Washington and NYC Wednesday, 25 October 2023 – Tuesday, 31 October 2023

We are delighted to be able to offer pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 a fantastic opportunity to take part in our Academy trip to Washington and New York City from Wednesday, 25 October 2023 to Tuesday, 31 October 2023.

This exciting opportunity will allow pupils to visit some of the most famous landmarks in the world, including the Empire State Building, Washington Monument and Central Park, to explore the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum and The Highline, and to experience some of the city's most exciting restaurants, including Hard Rock Café.

Academy staff have worked closely with our travel partner, Equity, who have over 85 years' experience in school travel. The students will be accompanied by members of Academy staff who will have a designated Equity link available throughout.

The group will leave Thorns Collegiate Academy on Wednesday 25, October 2023, travelling from London Heathrow to Washington Dulles airport. There they will spend two nights in the nation's capital before travelling to New York City where they will spend a further three nights before returning to London Heathrow on Tuesday 31, October 2023.

The cost to pupils is £1850. This price includes:

- Airport transfers to and from the Academy and accommodation
- Return flights to and from Dulles airport/JFK airport
- Hotel accommodation
- Entry to all activities and excursions
- New York Metro tickets
- Breakfast and evening meals for the duration of the visit

There are currently two places available. In the first instance, we invite expressions of interest from all pupils, including those who have previously responded. Pupils offered a place on the trip will then be required to confirm their place with a **non-refundable £100 deposit**.

This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to participate in what will be a very stimulating and creative experience. If you would like your child to be considered for a place, please click the link below to provide an expression of Interest.

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Yours sincerely

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