

# Grantown Grammar School

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*Mrs Claire McGonigal, Head Teacher*

1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: Performing Arts Trip to New York October 2020 – A Trip of a Lifetime**

Grantown Grammar School is pleased to announce a trip of a lifetime. We are organizing a seven day trip to New York in October 2020. The trip will take place during the October holiday, 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October.

The price of the trip will be £1650. At this price, one's initial reaction may be to think that the trip is extremely expensive. However, we have outlined below what is included in the price and we believe it is very good value for money.

- Flights from a Scottish Airport
- Airport assistance in UK and USA
- Travel Insurance
- Airport coach transfers
- 5 nights' accommodation
- Breakfast each day
- All evening meals – Including Planet Hollywood, Chinese Restaurant, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co, Italian Restaurant, Pizza
- 7 day Subway pass
- Drama workshop
- Broadway Show
- New York Philharmonic Orchestra Concert
- Boat trip to Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
- NBC Studio tour
- Cinema
- Bowling
- Visit to MOMA (Museum of Modern Art)
- Visits to iconic New York landmarks - Empire State Building, China Town, Central Park, Ground Zero, Brooklyn Bridge plus other venues tbc
- Tips
- Extra funds in case of medical emergency
- Hoodies

Please note that the total number of nights in the accommodation is only 5 as one night will involve travel.

The trip is available to all in S1-4. Places available are limited due to transport restrictions. To avoid disappointment please ensure that your deposit is returned by the date stated below. If there are more pupils than places, names will be drawn from a hat.

With regards to payment the school has introduced a new system. The initial deposit will be £150. This is to be handed to Mrs Shearon by **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to Grantown Grammar School. If paying by cash, it must be handed to Mrs Shearon enclosed in an envelope. Please note that this deposit is non-refundable.

The following payments will be divided across 15 months – each payment will be £100. I have tried to keep the payments relatively low. Pupils could pay for it completely (as many have in the past) or they could combine with parents or grandparents. The first payment is due on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019. Payment must be made by setting up a standing order. Attached to this letter are instructions on how to set this up. It is very important that you follow the instructions to avoid any confusion or missed payment. If making payments in this way poses a problem please contact Mrs Shearon before committing to the trip.

If having booked a place, you later wish to withdraw your son/daughter from the trip before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019, you will lose the initial deposit of £150. If you wish to withdraw after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019, a replacement pupil will need to be found and an extra cost will be incurred as a result of changing names on the airline ticket.

It is important to understand that if your son/daughter is involved in an incident at school which would result in a breakdown of trust between your son/daughter and the school, then the school reserves the right to withdraw pupils from the trip. In such an instance, no financial compensation will be offered to parents.

For communication purposes please provide us with an up to date email address which you regularly use. This will ensure that you receive all important messages and information about the trip

After the success of the previous trip in 2017, we are confident that this is going to be another wonderful trip, and hope that you will take up this opportunity on behalf of your child.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Shearon.

Yours sincerely,

Kirsten Shearon

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**Re: Performing Arts Trip to New York October 2020**

Name:..... Tutor Group: .....

Email Address:.....

I would like my son/daughter to join the Performing Arts Trip to New York, October 2020.

Please find attached the deposit of £150. I understand the arrangements if I wish to withdraw my son/daughter from the trip.

I agree to set up a standing order for the other payments starting on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

Signed: .....

Date:.....