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15th January 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

DRAMA TOUR TO TABOR ACADEMY & NEW YORK, USA, 4th April to 12th April 2019

The Drama Department are running their bi-annual tour to Tabor Academy, Massachusetts this spring. The tour is open to all students from years 11 to 13. Students going on the trip will be expected to take part in a production (acting or stage tech) that we take to our partner school. You do not have to be a Drama student, just keen and enthusiastic.

We will be leaving Ellesmere on the evening of the last Wednesday of the Lent term (3rd April 2019). The group will travel from Manchester Airport first thing Thursday morning flying Aer Lingus to Boston. We will then spend the following six days as the guests of our partner school, Tabor Academy (www.tabor.org). Students will stay in Tabor's boarding houses and experience life in an American school. We will also be touring a specially adapted drama production of *Murdered to Death* by Peter Gordon. We will perform at Tabor Academy and in other local schools and colleges during our stay in the town of Marion, Massachusetts where Tabor Academy is located.

The final three days of our tour will be spent in New York, where we will take in the iconic sights of this well-known city. With our accommodation located in Manhattan, we will travel to Liberty and Ellis Islands, visit the 9/11 Monument, take a tour of Central Park and visit the Zoo, visit Times Square, travel the Hudson River and visit The American Museum of Natural History, eat at Planet Hollywood and take in a Broadway show. We will depart from JFK Airport on the afternoon of Thursday 11th April, arriving back in Ellesmere at approximately 10.00am on Friday 12th April 2019. The trip will be accompanied by Mr Robert Harm, Mrs Julie Kirk and myself. I am sure you will agree that this is a wonderful opportunity and hope that your son or daughter will be able to join us.

Despite the fact that flights to the USA are inevitably expensive, we have managed to keep down the cost of this seven day trip to £1,300, which includes all travel, two nights' accommodation in New York, full board throughout the trip, all activities and College personal travel insurance. Students may wish to bring a sensible amount of spending money for the duration of the trip.

This is a fantastic cultural and social opportunity which will lead to some lasting trans-Atlantic friendships as well as building confidence and experience. It is also an excellent talking point for UCAS personal statements for those in the sixth form.

If your son/daughter is interested in taking part please could I ask you to email me on rachel.schubert@ellesmere.com by 12 noon this Friday 18th January 2019 so I am able to secure flights. Following this, please can you return to me the permission slip below as soon as possible and no later than Friday 25th January 2019, together with a copy of their passport and a non-returnable deposit of £400. In order to facilitate payment of the full amount, you should indicate how you wish to pay the balance, for example:

Option:

- A Two payments of £450 on 25th Feb 2019, and 25th March 2019
- B One whole payment of £900 paid via cheque or direct transfer by 15th March 2019
- C One payment of £1300 by 25th January 2019

Please note that non EU students will be responsible for obtaining a visa for entry to the USA themselves and you are advised to do this as soon as possible. EU students will be able to complete an online visa waiver process which will be explained nearer the departure date. I will be holding a meeting in February for all parents of students going on the trip, when you will be able to find out more detail of the itinerary and talk to the staff involved and I will notify you of the date for this in due course.

In the meantime, if you have any further questions about the tour, please do not hesitate to contact me on my College email address: rachel.schubert@ellesmere.com.

With very best wishes,



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Please return FAO: Mrs R L Schubert, Director of Drama, Ellesmere College.

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Name of student: _____

I give permission for my son or daughter to take part in the Tabor Academy Drama trip from 4th April to 12th April 2019.

I enclose a cheque for £400 as a non-returnable deposit. *(please tick to confirm)*

Please indicate below how you wish to pay the remaining balance of £900:

Option : A B C

Signature (parent): _____ Date: _____

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