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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **IB FILM STUDIES AND IB ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE TRIP TO NEW YORK – OCTOBER 2022**

I am writing to inform you of our exciting planned four-night IB Film Studies and IB English Language and Literature trip to New York in October half-term 2022. The purpose of this letter is to outline the details of the trip. Until now, the trip was only open to students studying Film or English. The trip is now open to any current year 12 student who would like to attend.

The trip will provide students with an opportunity to enrich their understanding of Film, English and a different global cultural context within the remarkable setting of New York City. We are using the education travel company, European Study Tours, to facilitate and organise the trip with us.

With respect to Film Studies, students will be taking part in a wide variety of activities with industry professionals and will gain significant experience working with professional equipment and learning from some of the best filmmakers, instructors and institutions in the world. The purpose of the English activities will be to enrich students' understanding of *The Great Gatsby* - a landmark text that is vital in the canon of Western Literature. They will be exposed to some of the inspirations behind the book and will be immersed in one of the literature capitals of the world.

There will be separate itineraries for the students depending on whether they are with Film Studies or IB English Language and Literature, as each subject will have different activities organised. However, we will all be staying at the same accommodation and enjoying breakfast, dinner and whole group activities together, such as a visit to the Empire State Building and seeing a Broadway show. If your child happens to take both Film Studies and English, it is your choice which subject's activities they participate in.

The key details of the trip are as follows:

<b>Departing</b>	24/10/2022 (Mon)
<b>Returning</b>	28/10/2022 (Fri)
<b>Accommodation</b>	Holiday Inn Manhattan-Financial District 99 Washington St, New York, NY 10006, United States
<b>Full Cost</b>	£1789 per student.  This includes flights, travel insurance, accommodation, breakfasts and dinners in addition to all activities and public transport. However, students will need to bring spending money for lunches and any other purchases (souvenirs etc.) they may wish to make on the trip. <b>Each student will be granted a discount of £50 per person with European Study Tours once the all the deposits are paid by the due date.</b>
<b>Deposit</b>	£150 per student <b>due by 29/10/21</b> via sQuid. Balance due by 12/09/22
<b>Number of Places</b>	Currently limited to 30 students (15 in IB English Language and Literature and 15 in Film Studies). <b>The trip is now open to any student currently in year 12.</b>
<b>Staff Attending</b>	Mr. A Gleed, Mr. B Racher, Miss. C Black & Mr. J Blake
<b>COVID-19</b>	As the trip is over a year away, we are working with the assumption that it will go ahead. If anything changes at any point, you will of course be informed immediately. European Study Tours provide COVID cancellation protection.

Please see below the itinerary. **Please note that this is subject to change.** All students on Film Studies activities will be accompanied by Mr. Gleed and Mr. Blake, and all IB English Language and Literature activities by Mr. Racher and Miss. Black.

Day One	AM & PM	Flight & transfer to hotel
	EVE	Empire State evening, dinner (whole group)
Day Two	AM	Breakfast (whole group), Statue of Liberty (whole group)
	PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FILM STUDENTS: Three-hour workshop at New York Film Academy</li> <li>● ENGLISH STUDENTS: Great Gatsby boat trip</li> </ul>
	EVE	Dinner and Broadway show (whole group)
Day Three	AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Breakfast (whole group)</li> <li>● FILM STUDENTS: Two-hour movie sights tour</li> <li>● ENGLISH STUDENTS: Old Westbury Gardens tour</li> </ul>
	PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FILM STUDENTS: Museum of the Moving Image</li> <li>● ENGLISH STUDENTS: Oheka Castle tour</li> </ul>
	EVE	Dinner (whole group)

Day Four	AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Breakfast (whole group)</li> <li>● FILM STUDIES STUDENTS: NBC Studios Tour</li> <li>● ENGLISH STUDENTS: NYC literary walking tour, library visit and visit to the Plaza Hotel</li> </ul>
	Early PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Workshop at the Paley Centre for Media (whole group)</li> </ul>
	PM & EVE	Transfers and flight home
Day Five	Arrive UK	

To provide further information and answer any of your questions, please feel free to contact myself or Mr. Racher/Miss. Black via [info@skidderskent.org.uk](mailto:info@skidderskent.org.uk) and we will personally answer any questions you may have.

We believe this will be a trip of a lifetime for your children and will leave an everlasting impact on their time as Sixth Form students at SKA. I look forward to hearing from you and please let me know if you need further clarification on anything at this stage before the information evening.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Alex Gleed  
Trip Leader / Film Studies Coordinator / Teacher of English