

MY BEST SCHOOL TRIP

My best school trip took place on the 1st of February when myself, 44 classmates and five staff members took the trip of a lifetime to New York, Philadelphia and Washington-DC.

We spent three days in NYC where every day was jam-packed. On the 1st we arrived and strolled through Central Park to get to Times Square, we shopped before going for dinner when jet lag definitely set in. On the 2nd, we visited Liberty Island as well as Ellis Island where we looked around the Immigration Museum; nicely linking with our studies of 1920s America and the mass immigration which took place in this era. From here we went to Ground Zero and the 9/11 Memorial Museum; a totally moving and reflective experience. Afterwards, we walked for two hours through Wall Street, Little Italy, passing China Town and the Brooklyn Bridge towards Times Square, although there was constant moaning it was one of the most memorable parts of the trip. Once we had eaten dinner we went to Broadway and watched Wicked which was incredible!! To end the night, we went to the Empire State Building to see the city by night- the views were spectacular! On our last day, we went to the UN building which was fascinating and inspiring, afterwards we went up Top of The Rock- extremely picturesque, then ended the night in Brooklyn watching an NBA basketball match. After departing New York by coach, we headed to Philadelphia, upon arriving, the city was full of protesters due to the Vice President being in town, despite this we had a lunch break and got to see Liberty Bell; after a fleeting visit we proceeded to Washington. Our first day in Washington started with a guided tour around the different memorials including Lincoln- where we stood on the exact spot where MLK delivered the "I have a dream speech", Vietnam- which linked with our history specification and MLK- linking to our earlier humanities studies. We had a brief look around the American History Museum and ended the night bowling. Our final day took us to the Capitol Building, followed by shopping before we flew home from the trip of a lifetime.

The trip not only taught me about the history of America and cultural awareness but also independence and maturity, skills which I will be able to take with me for the rest of my life.

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