

TST/TDY

1 November 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: CHICAGO Trip – Sunday 21 - Friday 26 October 2018

Year 13 students are being offered an exciting new residential opportunity to Chicago. This is a 6 day trip and is open to all pupils in Years 13 from September 2018. The sites we will be visiting include the Willis Tower with a glass viewing platform, the Hancock Tower with its unique tilt machine and the Millennium Park with the famous ‘Cloud Gate’ sculpture.

There is a particular emphasis on Art, Design and Architecture; therefore, visits to Art Institute of Chicago, an architectural river cruise and a tour of Frank Lloyd Wright’s home and studio are included as well as Unity Temple in Oak Park. The students will experience panoramic views of the Chicago’s skyline and explore the cities numerous sculptures (Picasso, Miro, Chagall, Kapoor) and buildings (FLW, Mies van der Rohe); visits to the Navy Pier and Aquarium are also organised, all within walking distance. The students will be encouraged to record and document their visit through the use of a sketchbook and camera that can then be used in further investigations in class on their return if they are studying a relevant A Level. **However, I must point out this is not a compulsory residential for Art & Design students and as such there is no financial assistance available.**

Details of the proposed itinerary and further information can be found on the school website. There will be plenty of time to gain valuable insight into the culture and architecture of this great city. In addition, we have planned a visit to an evening Theatre performance. Due to the central location, we will be able to visit numerous buildings of interest on a walking tour showing the redevelopment of the city after the fire of 1871 that practically destroyed Chicago.

Accommodation is at the Travelodge, Downtown Chicago, USA which is centrally located and convenient for our itinerary.

The cost of the trip will be **£1540** which includes all entrance fees, food (breakfast, lunch and dinner: the latter at Hard Rock Café type restaurant), travel from the UK and airport transfers in Chicago. **Students will be required to obtain an ESTA visa and hold a current passport with at least 6 months to run after the return date.**

Suggested payment plan: -

Fri 30 November – **non returnable deposit - £150**
Weds 19 December - £170
Fri 26 January 2018 - £170
Weds 28 February - £170
Weds 28 March - £170
Friday 27 April - £170
Friday 25 May - £170
Friday 29 June - £170
Friday 20 July - £200 – **Final balance**

If you wish your son or daughter to be considered for a place on the trip please return the attached reply slip with a non-refundable deposit of **£150 by 30 November 2017**. Cheques to be made payable to Northampton School *for Boys*, please write your son/daughter's* name, form and Chicago 2018 on the reverse of the cheque. Alternatively cash in a sealed envelope with your son/daughter's* name, form and Chicago 2018 on the front of the envelope can also be paid into the Finance Office. Further payments can then be made via Parent pay once your account has been set up.

This will secure a place on the trip. Places are limited and it is expected to be a popular residential, however, Art and Design students will be given preference. If there is not sufficient interest then the trip will not go ahead.

There will also be a parent information evening to answer any questions you may have and to give more details about the trip itinerary. This will take place on **Tuesday 5 December from 6.30-7.30pm in the Sixth Form Pod** (entrance via the Main School Reception).

If there are any questions you would like to ask before the closing date, please feel free to email me at school on tstanforth@nsb.northants.sch.uk

Yours faithfully



T Stanforth
Y13 Chicago Trip Leader

Reply Slip to **THE FINANCE OFFICE** – Chicago 2018 (TST)

I/We* would like my/our* son/daughter* Name: _____ Form: _____
to take part in the Chicago 2018 trip and I/we* enclose a non-refundable deposit of £150 to secure a place on the trip). I/We* acknowledge all payment deadlines and that the **full balance is £1540**.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _____

Please Print Name: _____

(*Please delete as necessary)