

5 July 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Ysgol John Bright is planning another amazing trip of a lifetime to **California** during Easter 2018, which will be jam-packed full of exciting visits and activities. New activities include staying over in gorgeous Monterey Bay at the lovely Hilton Hotel, a whale-watching boat trip on the Pacific Ocean, a full afternoon on Venice Beach, as well as a sporting fixture and plenty of retail therapy.



There will be just one coach on the trip so we are offering the trip to students who will be in **Years 11, 12 & 13** next year. Any remaining seats will be opened up to students who will be moving into Year 10.

This exciting tour will include the following:

- Return flights from London Heathrow to San Francisco / L.A.
- Return UK Transfer from school to airport
- Transport throughout our visit to California by coach
- Tour guides
- 3 nights in Los Angeles, 1 night in Monterey Bay and 2 nights in San Francisco staying at minimum 3 star hotels with en-suite and bed share
- 6 evening meals in restaurants such as Hard Rock Cafe, Bubba Gump Shrimp, Planet Hollywood
- A whale watching boat trip in Monterey Bay
- A Los Angeles sporting fixture - Baseball, Basketball, Ice Hockey, American Football or Soccer. We can discuss as a group and agree beforehand
- A day at Universal Studios
- Boat trip and tour of Alcatraz
- Los Angeles tours with guide and coach – Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Rodeo Drive, Sunset Boulevard, Venice Beach, Santa Monica Pier, Hollywood Walk of Fame, Griffith Observatory, Hollywood Bowl
- San Francisco Tours – Golden Gate Bridge, Lombard Street, China Town, Fishermans Wharf, Pier 39
- World Wide Travel Insurance for each student

The approximate cost of the tour will be between £1500 and £1700 depending on the number of students that book a place. This will be finalised once we know how many places have been reserved. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis. All travellers will need a valid passport. A non-refundable deposit of £250.00 should be paid immediately to reserve a place. We reserve the right to remove any student from the trip at any time if we deem their behaviour to be inappropriate and/or against school rules.

How to book a place - All Ysgol John Bright school trips are now reserved and paid for through www.parentpay.com. Booking for Year 11 students will open at 8.30am on Wednesday 12th July. Please contact the main office at school in advance of the booking window if you need your ParentPay login details. Once all the places have been filled then a reserve list will be created.



The outline dates for stage payments are below. The minimum payment must be made by each of those dates, however larger amounts can be made to pay off the remaining balance sooner if you so wish. I will confirm these again with you once the final trip numbers and cost are confirmed.

Payment	Minimum Amount Due	Due date
1 st payment	£250	Non refundable deposit
2 nd payment	£250	5 th September 2017
3 rd payment	£250	5 th October 2017
4 th payment	£250	5 th November 2017
5 th payment	£250	5 th December 2017
6 th payment	£250	5 th January 2018
7 th Payment	£200	1 st February 2018

I will send further details on to all those who successfully reserve a place. If you have any questions then please contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

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