



July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Proposed STEM Trip to New York - October 2025

I am delighted to be offering students a very exciting opportunity to attend the Glossopdale School & Sixth Form STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) trip to New York, U.S.A.

The 5 day / 4 night trip is open to applications from students in current years 7 to 11 and will take place during October half term in 2025. The dates for the trip are **Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025**. Please note that students currently in Year 10 and 11 will only be eligible to participate in the trip if they go on to attend Glossopdale's Sixth Form and are on our school roll.

We will be based on the Upper West Side, opposite Central Park and near Columbus Circle. Students rooms will be twin or quad based.

Travel will be by aeroplane and we are proposing to meet students at Manchester airport. The flights will not be booked until January 2025 so we are unable to give you the exact times. You will be able to take one piece of checked in hold luggage and full details of travel will be available at a later date.

Our trip with NST-Travel includes

- Visit to the Maths Museum
- Visit to the Science Museum
- 5 days [4 nights, overnight travel]
- Room only
- 2 course meal and soft drinks at the Hard Rock Café
- Dinner Buffet and soft drinks at Sbarro Restaurant
- Ferry to Liberty and Ellis Island
- Guided walking tour of Manhattan
- Visit to the Edge
- Visit to the 9/11 Memorial
- Visit to High Line Park
- Sports Fixture TBA (Ice Hockey/Basket Ball Game)

Cost

The approximate cost of the trip will be in the region of **£1695** and is based on 40 places being filled and with insurance and tipping included in the price.



Additional costs

- Meals en route
- Spending Money
- All travellers will be required to purchase ESTA [Electronic System for Travel Authorisation]. The cost for this is currently \$21. The ESTA is valid for two years and we will advise on when this should be submitted at a later date.

Payment Schedule

1st Deposit	£150 per Student	By 16th September 2024
2nd Deposit	£150 per Student	By 6th November 2024
Final balance (instalment plan will be advised at a later date)	Approx. £1395 per student	By 11th July 2025

How to register your interest

If you wish to apply for a place on the trip, please pay a £150 deposit on ParentPay [STEM New York Trip 2025] **by Monday 16th September** and complete your expression of interest form [here](#)

If for any reason the trip does not go ahead, any monies paid will be refunded to the person paying the deposit. Should the trip be oversubscribed, selection for places will be based on "names out of a hat". If your child is unsuccessful in gaining a place, their name will be placed on a waiting list and the deposit paid will be refunded. Please note that **once your child has been accepted on the trip your deposit is non-refundable.**

Cancellations

If your child subsequently decides to withdraw from this trip at a later date, cancellation of the place will only be accepted in writing from the parent/carer and the tour operator's cancellation charges will apply. The school will attempt to fill the cancelled places and endeavour to obtain a refund, but this is not guaranteed. If a student is unable to attend due to medical reasons, evidence of this will be required from a doctor. Please be aware that we reserve the right to refuse or remove places based on your child's attitude, attendance and behaviour, either in school or on any other previous trip or residential.

Please see the cancellation charges below which will be made by the tour provider:

- Any time after booking forfeit all deposits paid
- 70-29 days before departure 60% of the tour cost
- 28-15 days before departure 80% of the tour cost
- 14 days or less before departure 100% of the tour cost
- There will be an additional £125 charge for any flight seat cancellations which is in addition to the standard cancellation charges and will have been paid to the airline



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We understand that trips can be expensive and we do have some financial assistance available to ensure that all students are able to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity. If you would like to discuss this, please email info@glossopdale.school.

This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to engage with their classmates in a wonderful, vibrant high-profile city. They will experience new places and ideas, and most importantly, continue their personal development in what I hope will be a holiday of a lifetime.

Yours sincerely

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