



13 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Hollywood Trip**

With only a few weeks to go until our eagerly anticipated trip to Hollywood, I hope your child is excited and preparing for this wonderful adventure. Thank you for attending the parent meeting in January. I hope you received the PowerPoint with all the information discussed at the meeting and the flight details, which are also outlined below.

**Flight details:**

We will be flying with United Airlines. Please check that your child has the appropriate weight of luggage as well as size for their hand luggage. They will also need to declare that they packed their own bags so please make them aware of this.

Our confirmed air travel arrangements are:

Outbound

Departure date: 30 March

Flight details: London Heathrow (LHR) to Los Angeles International (LAX), flight UA230

Departure time: 11.05am

Arrival time: 2.10pm

Inbound

Departure date: 4 April

Flight details: Los Angeles International (LAX) to London Heathrow (LHR), flight UA923

Departure time: 5.10pm

Arrival time: 11.45am (5 April)

On 30 March, you will be expected to arrive at St Martin's School at 5.30am for a 5.45am departure.

**COVID-19 requirements:**

We now have confirmation from the airline of their requirements regarding the COVID-19 vaccination. Please read the following carefully and complete the attached Attestation Form.

All passengers are **required to show proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19** before boarding a flight to the United States from a foreign country. Fully vaccinated is defined by the CDC as an accepted 2-dose series or accepted 1 dose vaccine. **A booster dose is not needed to meet this requirement.**

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If your child is fully vaccinated, please download and print their NHS COVID Pass to hand in with their passport on 30 March. It would also be wise for your child to have their COVID Pass on their phone through the NHS app.

If your child is not fully vaccinated against COVID-19, they will be treated under the list of exemptions as “children under 18 years of age.” As the parent, you will need to attest that:

1. Your child will be tested with a COVID-19 viral test 3–5 days after arrival in the United States, unless you have documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 in the past 90 days; and
2. You will self-isolate if the result of the post-arrival test is positive or if you develop COVID-19 symptoms.

We need to collect the Attestation Forms prior to departure. Therefore, please complete the form and either email it back to me or print and send it in with your child.

If your child is fully vaccinated, complete the following: Name, Part A, Signature and Date on the final page. If your child is not fully vaccinated, complete the following: Name, Part B, Part D, Signature and Date on the final page.

Due to the obvious practical difficulties surrounding the possible need to self-isolate, we would highly recommend vaccination if possible. The CDC recognise full vaccination 14 days after the last dose, meaning that should your child not yet be fully vaccinated they would need their second dose on or before 16 March.

### Itinerary:

A small laminated itinerary will be given to students in a lanyard which they will wear at all times. This will also have the emergency contact detailed below.

**Thursday, March 30, 2023**  
11:05 AM Depart Heathrow United 230 @11:05am  
2:10 PM Arrive LAX  
2:30 PM Transport to Hotel  
6:00 PM Optional Dinner TBD  
9:00 PM Return to hotel

**Friday, March 31, 2023**  
8:00 AM Breakfast  
10:00 AM Coach to Santa Monica  
11:00 AM Lunch/Bicycling on Venice Boardwalk  
4:00 PM Free time on Santa Monica Pier  
7:00 PM Dinner at Bubba Gump  
8:00 PM Transport to Hotel  
9:00 PM Arrive Hotel

**Saturday, April 1, 2023**  
8:00 AM Breakfast  
9:00 AM Coach to Hollywood  
10:00 AM Workshop  
12:00 PM Coach to Mid-City  
12:30 PM Free time for lunch at Farmers Market / The Grove  
2:00 PM Coach to Beverly Hills / Rodeo Drive  
2:30 PM Beverly Hills Sign / Free Time on Rodeo Drive  
4:00 PM Coach to Hollywood  
4:30 PM Hollywood Behind-the-Scenes Tour  
6:00 PM Dinner at Mels Diner  
7:30 PM TBC (Movie at El Capitan Theatre)  
10:00 PM Coach to Hotel  
10:30 PM Arrive Hotel

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**  
8:00 AM Breakfast  
9:00 AM Coach to Hollywood  
10:00 AM Workshop  
12:00 PM Coach to Universal Studios  
12:30 PM Universal Studios (lunch)  
6:00 PM Free Time on Citywalk (dinner)  
8:00 PM Coach to Hotel  
8:30 PM Arrive Hotel

**Monday, April 3, 2023**  
8:00 AM Breakfast at Denny's Diner  
10:00 AM Coach to Midnight Mission  
10:30 AM Orientation at Midnight Mission  
12:00 PM Serve Food at Mission  
1:30 PM Prepare for Performance  
2:00 PM Performance  
2:45 PM End Performance  
3:00 PM Downtown Movie Tour departing from Angels Flight  
5:00 PM Dinner at Downtown Restaurant  
7:00 PM Coach to Griffith Observatory  
7:30 PM See Panorama of the City at Sunset Griffith Observatory  
8:30 PM Depart for Hotel  
9:00 PM Arrive Hotel

**Tuesday, April 4, 2023**  
7:00 AM Breakfast  
7:30 AM Walk back to Hotel  
7:45 AM Load coach  
8:00 AM Depart for Burbank  
9:00 AM Warner Bros Tour  
12:00 PM End Tour  
12:00 PM Lunch at Warner Bros  
1:15 PM Depart for LAX  
2:00 PM Arrive LAX for Check-in (lunch at LAX)  
5:10 PM Depart United 923

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023**  
11:45 AM Arrive London Heathrow

### Money and medication:

To help your child budget and for extra security, Mrs Wilkinson will look after any money and help them budget for the week. It would be helpful to have money separated out for each day in envelopes. A guide to how much is needed each day is below. Miss Barnes will be available to look after any medication that you are not happy for your child to be carrying.

### Spending Money:

It is indicated on the itinerary where meals are included as well as the extra activities that will be paid for while we are in LA. Below is a breakdown of approximate prices to help you budget for your child. I have suggested \$15 per meal, however, this will be more than enough on most occasions especially where students are picking a fast food/café option.

### Approximate prices:

McDonalds: \$5-6 meal deal

Starbucks: \$4 hot drink, \$3 bakery item, \$6 lunchbox

Universal Studios: \$8 burger, \$2 soda

Diner: \$8 thick shake, \$3-4 soda, \$10-12 pancake, waffle or egg breakfast

Farmers Market vendors: \$5-15

Thursday 30 March	<i>Snack at Heathrow</i> <b>Dinner</b> (optional) dependent on airplane food and time of arrival at hotel	\$15
Friday 31 March	<i>Santa Monica Pier and Shopping complex</i>	
Saturday 1 April	<b>Lunch</b> <i>Beverly Hills / Rodeo Drive</i>	\$15
	<b>Cinema</b>	\$15
Sunday 2 April	<b>Lunch and Dinner</b> at Universal Studios <i>Universal Studios souvenir shopping</i>	\$30
Monday 3 April		
Tuesday 4 April	<b>Lunch at Warner Bros Studios</b> <i>Snack at LAX</i>	\$20
Wednesday 5 April		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$95</b> (£80 approx) <i>Plus spending money</i>

### Rules and expectations reminder:

The legal drinking age in the USA is 21 years of age. No alcoholic beverages are permitted for those under the legal drinking age. Vaping or smoking are also prohibited at all times on this trip.

### **In case of emergency:**

The school mobile is **+44 7946 623570**, the hotel number is +1 818 997 7676 and our tour organiser, Red Line Group Travel number is +1 323 371 0373. In case of an emergency, I would ask that parents use me as their first point of contact rather contacting your child, as that is when messages can get misconstrued. If I have any important or emergency information, I will contact you myself.

### **Packing list:**

Clothing is obviously a personal preference but while packing it is worth bearing in mind the activities that we will be doing during the week and the weather in LA. Students should be prepared to dress in layers as the temperature in LA can vary greatly throughout the day (from 12 C – 22 C on average in April) and even though it may not feel really hot, the sun can be very strong so sun tan lotion is essential.

The activities we will be doing include workshops, cycling, walking tours, beach time, universal studios. Students should dress appropriately for the day's activities (which they will know in advance). If your child's attire is not deemed appropriate before we leave for an activity, they will be asked to change.

#### Clothing list

5 days' worth of underwear (including socks)  
Beachwear  
Swimming costume  
Comfortable clothes suitable for drama workshops  
Summer clothes for warmer days  
Long sleeved tops/jacket/long trousers/leggings etc for cooler days and evenings  
Comfortable shoes/trainers/sandals  
Hollywood hoodie (to be worn travelling to Hollywood and back home)  
Red, blue or white plain top (for performance at The Midnight Mission)

#### Other things to pack

Money  
Medication (if required)  
Hat  
Beach towel  
Book/magazines for plane journey  
Sunglasses  
Glasses/contact lenses if necessary  
Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, deodorant etc)  
Hair grooming products  
Hairdryer/straighteners (try to organise one per room to give you more room in your suitcases)  
Sun tan lotion  
Phone (if bringing it) plus charger  
Plug adaptor for chargers/hairdryer

### **Performance at The Midnight Mission:**

We have already had two rehearsals for our performance at The Midnight Mission, where we will be performing a short concert entitled 'The Best of British'. All students will be singing, as a choir, four songs by the Beatles. Due to the short amount of rehearsal time we have, we have asked students to learn the lyrics and practice at home. The song lyrics are in an accompanying document and songs are linked on Satchel:One for students to listen to. We will also be performing an extract from this at the Spring Concert on Wednesday 22 March; please see Mr Harris' letter sent on 6 March for more details about this event. We expect all those coming on the trip to participate and would also like to invite you along so that you can see what they will be performing in LA. At the Spring Concert, students should wear full school uniform but for the performance in LA, we are asking the students to wear a plain coloured top in either blue, white or red. This is also on the packing list above.

**Final reminders:**

Please send your **COVID-19 Attestation Form** into school by **Monday 20 March**.

Your child's **passport and COVID Pass** are to be handed to their group leader before boarding the coach on **30 March**.

Final room and group lists will be posted on Satchel:One.

We will be posting on our Twitter account each day to keep you updated with our adventures, @stMdrama\_team,

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Page  
***Trip Leader***

