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Washington D.C. trip, 12-16 February 2026



Mr. Jim Attridge

Tour Leader

Educational Visits Coordinator

- 38 students
- 4 GW Staff



Why are we going to Washington?

Academic Links

The GCSE History curriculum involves a study of the Cold War, 1943-91. In order to better understand this topic we will be visiting various sites which improve our understanding of American politics as well as giving specific facts about events which feature in the Cold War unit.

We will also be visiting places which will improve the students' general awareness of history as well as having holistic benefit, such as the Holocaust Museum.

There will also an be opportunities for Art students to visit at least one gallery.



Itinerary – what are we doing?

Thursday 12 February

- **07h45 Meet outside Winton reception (Depart at 08h00)**
- **12h10 BA flight (BA217) departs**
- **15h35 Arrive at IAD (Washington airport)**
- **16h30 Arrive at hotel**
- **18h30 Meal at Hard Rock Café**
- **20h00 Walk through the Mall**
- **21h00 Lights-out (NB: will be equivalent to 2am! -5hrs time difference)**

Friday 13 February

- **07h00 Wake-up**
- **07h30 Breakfast**
- **09h00 Walking Tour (4 hours) – Whitehouse and Monuments**
- **Lunch: Own Arrangements at - L'Enfant Plaza Food Court**
- **13h30 Holocaust Memorial Museum**
- **16h00 National Archives Museum**
- **18h30 Asia Nine restaurant**
- **21h30 Lights-out**



Itinerary – what are we doing?

Saturday 14 February

- 07h30 Breakfast
- 09h00 Library of Congress
- 10h30 Guided tour of Capitol building (US Congress)
- Lunch: \$10pp at food court
- 13h00 Spy Museum
- 16h00 Metro to Pentagon City Shopping Mall (Evening meal purchased here)
- 19h30 Depart shopping mall

Sunday 15 February

- 07h30 Continental breakfast
- 09h00 Air & Space Museum
- 10h30 Natural History Museum / Art Gallery
- Midday: Lunch
- 13h00 American History Museum
- 16h30 Depart hotel for airport
- Evening meal in the airport (cash provided)
- 21h45 BA292 flight departs IAD. Lands at 10h00 on Monday morning.
- ETA at GW is 12h30 on Monday.





Travel Arrangements

- 'Equity' School Tours
- UK airport transfers: Laguna coaches
- British Airways (flights BA217 / BA292)
- Washington Metro



A lot of WALKING



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Travel - Passport & Visa

- Passports need to be valid (preferably until at least August 2026)
- ESTA: Apply asap <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/> / Non-UK citizens arrange own visa
- ESTA = \$40 (£32)
- Travel Insurance = everything is covered!



Accommodation



**Hyatt Place – DC Mall,
400 E St SW,
Washington, DC 20024,
Tel: +01 202-803-6110**



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Accommodation - Location



Hyatt
Place



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Meals

Hyatt Place – hotel for breakfasts



Lunches = \$10pp
(already included in
the overall price)

Hard Rock Café



Asia Nine



- **Reminder: Talk to us and be proactive.**
- **Don't wait until we've left a restaurant before telling us that you didn't eat anything! Don't wait until we've left a site before telling us that you've lost something!**
- **Eating Habits: Use a knife and fork! No phones.**



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Money

- All money **MUST** be converted before we depart.
- The suggested, minimum, amount is \$80 (US dollars) (£65).
- This is for snacks, souvenirs or ‘shopping money’.
- Please be aware that the students will be responsible for their own money (except lunch money).
- By KS4 our students should be capable of keeping their money safe and spending it wisely.



Tips! We have enough funds to cover basic tips, but the students might want to reserve some funds to say thanks to the tour guide (if they're outstanding), or to their maid (if rooms are untidy)



Packing list

- **Passport & EHIC** (handed to reception / finance office one week before)
- **Cash: roughly \$80-\$100**
- **Medication** (*to be handed to Mr. Doyle on the morning of departure*)
- **Day pack & reusable water bottle**
- **Wash bag** (inc. deodorant, sanitary products, toothbrush & paste)
- **Minimal make-up**
- **Glasses / contact lenses**
- **Book** (8hr flight)
- **Headphones**
- **MOBILE PHONE & charger (plus plug adapter – two-prong straight holes)**



Clothing List: Temperature = Between +8deg and -3deg

- **Underwear & socks (4 days)**
- **1-2 Warm jumper & hoodie**
- **Warm trousers / leggings**
- **Mix of 3-4 t-shirts / tops / vest / underlayer / polo shirt**
- **Nightwear**
- **Winter coat**
- **Hat, gloves & scarf**
- **Walking boots (or suitable footwear for walking in potentially wet / snowy conditions) PLUS trainers.**
- **Anti-bac hand gel**



Emergency Contacts:



- School reception: 01202 527818
- School mobile: 07801 401253

Emergency contacts:

- Please do NOT call your child directly in the case of an emergency. (You shouldn't be able to anyway!)
- Contact Mr. Attridge first, to ensure your child is properly supervised and supported.

Mobile Phones: ARE allowed on the trip. Phone functions are not to be used during the day.



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Trips Policies

- **The academies have policies designed to cover most eventualities.**
- **The staff involved in residential trips are made aware of their roles and responsibilities.**
- **The primary role of staff is to keep all of the students safe.**

Acts of Terror / Natural Disaster

- **The Trip Leader will take the group back to their hotel as quickly as possible (using secure forms of transportation).**
- **Once in the hotel the group will go into ‘lockdown’; the students are not allowed to leave their rooms without permission from the teachers.**
- **The Trip Leader will consult with Mr. Lima and the British Embassy to decide the safest course of action; usually, that is to stay where they are (and not to rush to an airport / train station – as these are often used as secondary targets).**
- **Parents will be contacted by the school. Do not try to contact the Trip Leader; we need to keep that line of communication open.**



Questions

How many students in a bedroom?

- *2-3. Allocation of rooms will occur with the students. Compromise will be necessary. No bed-sharing.*

What are the bedroom arrangements?

- *Not allowed in opposite sex rooms.*
- *Lights out = 10pm (equivalent to 3am!)*

Which teachers are going?

- *Mr. Attridge, Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Taylor, Ms. Stride*

What is the exchange-rate (GBP -> USD)?

- *£1.00 = \$1.30*

How much spare time will the students have?

- *Only a little! Shopping time at the mall*

What is the average temperature in February?

- *Highs of 8c and lows of -3c. It will be cold!*



Trip Insurance?

- *The school's insurance covers everything*



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Reminders for Parents

- ☐ Complete the online Form – see QR code:
- ☐ Pay any remaining costs by 06 December.
- ☐ Send passports to school at least one week before departure
- ☐ ESTA visa / Non-UK citizens to arrange their own visa asap.
- ☐ Ensure cash is exchanged in advance.
- ☐ Help your child pack and check their bags (weight limit is 22kgs). Check the suitcase for inappropriate items. Ensure there are no liquids in the hand luggage.
- ☐ Phones: check the roaming charges! (Turn off certain functions)
- ☐ Follow us on social media
- ☐ *Enjoy yourselves for 4.5 days; while you have a bit of peace and quiet!*

