

PBR/TDY

13 September 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Boston Exchange 13 - 24 October 2016**

Now that all our plans have been finalised I have pleasure in confirming the final details for our forthcoming trip to Boston.

**Travel Arrangements – Outgoing**

We will meet at the ON's car park at 07:30 on Thursday 13 October. Travel to Heathrow is by school minibus. Each student is allowed 1 suitcase weighing up to a 23Kg, plus a small rucksack type bag to take on the plane as hand luggage. This will also be useful whilst on the trip for use in the daytime.

We will be flying with Virgin Atlantic on Flight VS11 from Heathrow Airport Terminal 3, departing at 13:05 and arriving at Logan Airport Boston at 15:25 local time where we will then travel by coach to meet our billets at Thayer Academy.

**Return Travel Arrangements**

This will be via minibus to Logan Airport Boston, then on Virgin Atlantic Flight VS12 at 21:35, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, arriving at Heathrow at 09:10 on Monday 24 October 2016. We will be collected from the airport by minibus and return to ON's car park at approximately 12:00.

**Itinerary**

Much of the trip will be flexible and dependent on the weather. We will travel using the Boston T underground train. This starts in Braintree and makes Boston easily accessible.

The students will have emergency contacts for me (Mr Bryant), Mr Stanforth, Thayer Academy and their Billet.

**Clothing**

Obviously casual clothes for the ten day trip will be required, including good walking shoes and a waterproof jacket/coat.

The weather is similar to the UK so can be very wet and also sunny. On the last trip we experienced snow for a day and bright sunshine, so it can be changeable!

**Living with your hosts**

Please try to be polite, friendly and communicative at all times. Be helpful, for example, help set and clear away the table at mealtimes and stack the dishwasher if required. Also make sure you keep your room and belongings tidy.

A gift from the UK to your hosts would be much appreciated, such as English chocolate or perhaps a sports shirt from NSB etc.

### **Spending Money**

All students appear to have access to an ATM card for the duration of the trip. The current exchange rate is £1 = \$1.30.

Please make sure there is enough room in your son/daughter's case for the return journey if he/she intends to buy clothing whilst in Boston. Please bear in mind the luggage weight limit.

We will try and fit in as many trips as is affordable from the following: -

Quincy Market

Freedom Trail – [www.thefreedomtrail.org](http://www.thefreedomtrail.org)

Harvard University – [www.harvard.edu](http://www.harvard.edu)

Science Museum – [www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org)

Naval Yards, USS Constitution – [www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org](http://www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org)

Fenway Park – [www.boston.redsox.mlb.com](http://www.boston.redsox.mlb.com)

Aquarium and Whale Watching – [www.neaq.com](http://www.neaq.com)

Plimouth Plantation & Mayflower – [www.plimouth.org](http://www.plimouth.org)

Wrentham Village Outlet stores

Boston Bruins v New Jersey Devils – [www.bruins.nhl.com](http://www.bruins.nhl.com)

### **Emergency Contact**

Emergency Contact Number - Trip Leader – Mr P Bryant: - 07957 627195

Mr T Stanforth: - 07712 304672

Emergency Contact Number at school: - Mr Oliver Harris: - 01480 861035

*(Please note that these contact numbers should only be used for emergency purposes and not for general or travel information).*

If you have any queries or concerns regarding any of the above, or wish to discuss anything else regarding the trip or arrangements, then please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Alternatively you can email me on [pbryant@nsb.northants.sch.uk](mailto:pbryant@nsb.northants.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully

Mr P Bryant  
Boston Trip Leader