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Dear Parent

Lower Sixth Northeast US College Tour: June 2 – 10 2012

I am writing to you with details of the **Northeast US College Tour** that we will be organising for Lower Sixth students.

Sevenoaks pupils are increasingly interested in applying to the US when considering their higher education options. The North East College tour is an eight day, seven night excursion aimed at introducing students to a good number of colleges and universities. The tour will allow them to gain an insight into what college life is like and will be an excellent opportunity for prospective applicants to become actively involved in getting accurate and reliable information to inform their college choices.

The trip is being organised and led jointly by the Higher Education Department at Sevenoaks School and a US based college tour company, College Visits (www.college-visits.com). We will visit:

Harvard University, Northeastern University, MIT, Boston University or Tufts (student choice), Brown University, Yale University, Columbia University, New York University, University of Pennsylvania, Haverford College, Villanova University, Johns Hopkins University, Georgetown University and George Washington University.

There will be student led campus tours, question and answer sessions with admissions officers, campus meals, activities and there will also be sightseeing opportunities. Participants will stay in hotels located near the universities and colleges and the price quoted is based on double room occupancy. Activities on previous College Visits tours have included exploring the areas surrounding the colleges and attending athletic and cultural events.

The trip itinerary is as follows:

Saturday 2 June 2012

11.15 am Depart from London Heathrow International Airport, British Airways flight number 213.
1.20pm Arrive at Boston International Airport, Massachusetts.
Overnight accommodation in Boston

Sunday 3 June

AM and PM Enjoy Boston and Cambridge. Visit **Harvard University**
Overnight in Boston

Monday 4 June

AM and PM **Northeastern University** and **MIT**
PM **Boston University** or **Tufts** (student choice)
Overnight in Boston

Tuesday 5 June

AM and PM **Brown University and Yale University**
Dinner in Times Square
Overnight in New York

Wednesday 6 June

AM and PM **Columbia University and New York University**
Dinner in New York City
Overnight in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Thursday 7 June

AM **University of Pennsylvania**
PM Haverford College and Villanova University
Overnight in Baltimore, Maryland

Friday 8 June

AM and PM **John Hopkins University and Georgetown University**
Overnight lodging in Washington, DC

Saturday 9 June

AM and PM **George Washington University**
PM Afternoon activity in Washington, DC.
Free time

8.45 PM Depart from Washington, DC Dulles International Airport, British Airways flight number 264

Sunday 10 June

9.15 AM Arrive at London Heathrow International Airport

Please note that a risk assessment of the trip has been completed and is available from Mrs Ruth Greenhalgh. Also, students will be accepted onto the trip on a first come first served basis.

Costs

The trip will cost \$3000 USD which will be approximately £1985. This includes flights, other transport, accommodation and meals. There is the potential for some variation in final total costs because the trip is not priced in sterling.

The payment schedule will be as follows:

A deposit of £300 to be paid by 31 October, 2012

First instalment £845 to be made by 10 January, 2012

Final Payment to be made by 20 March, 2012

Payment can be made by school bill, cheque or electronic transfer.

Parents wishing to pay by bank transfer should remit the funds to Sevenoaks School, National Westminster Bank, Sevenoaks Branch. Account number 25848070, sort code 60-19-02. IBAN GB30 NWBK 6019 0225 8480 70, SWIFT/BIC code NWBK GB 2L XXX. Please ensure you quote your child's pupil code and the name of the trip.

Visa Requirements

The responsibility lies with parents to ensure the pupils have valid visas where appropriate and passports have six months remaining from the return date of the trip.

Dates

The trip will take place over our summer half term holiday. There are other trips taking place at this time and it is important that you avoid clashes and consider which trips may be a priority for your son or daughter. If you are considering the US as a possible destination for Higher Education for them then this is an excellent opportunity to gain a very good overview of some excellent and highly selective universities.

For your information, the following Sevenoaks School expeditions are taking place at the same time as the Northeast US College Tour:

1 – 7 June	Classics Trip to Rome	Italy
3 – 9 June	Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award	UK

I would be grateful if you could complete and return the attached slip with the deposit by Monday 31 October, 2011.

There will be more information in due course, but should you have any further queries at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Ruth Greenhalgh
Director of Higher Education
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Northeast College Tour
Saturday 2 June 2012 – Sunday 10 June 2012

Name of pupil _____ Tutor Group/House _____

I/we would like my/our son/daughter to take part in the Northeastern College Tour.

- I enclose a cheque payable to Sevenoaks School for the deposit of £300

Or

- I will make an electronic transfer to Sevenoaks School for the deposit of £300

Or

- Please add £300 deposit to my bill for next term (for overseas boarders only).

- Please also include the following:
 - A copy of the photo page of your son/daughter's passport

Signed _____
Parent/Guardian/Houseparent(with parental permission attached)

Date _____

**Please return to Ruth Greenhalgh c/o Higher Education Department by
Monday 31 October, 2011.**