



3 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer and our Remembrance Week Scholars,

Remembrance Week, New York/Syracuse Trip 2025

We are delighted that we have 10 young people representing Lockerbie at the annual Remembrance Week events at Syracuse University. Now that we have confirmed the details, we are able to share more information with you.

Friday 3rd October

SU London students are visiting. We will join them for curling in the afternoon, dinner at the Somerton, and back to school for our ceilidh. We look forward to you joining us at any of these events. This is fully funded by Syracuse University.

Saturday 4th October

"Small Acts of Love", Glasgow Citizens Theatre. Timing to be confirmed. Again, it is fully funded by Syracuse University.

Saturday 18th October

Meet at Lockerbie Academy 5.30am. Travel to Edinburgh Airport. 11.30am Jet Blue 72 Flight to JFK Airport, New York, arriving 14.09pm. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express, Times Square South, for 2 nights. The group hopes to make it up the Empire State Building on Saturday evening. This will need to be paid for personally (from the £150 which you have paid).

Sunday 19th October

Early morning breakfast, with a day in NYC. The group has asked to visit the Rockefeller Centre, Natural History Museum, Central Park, Grand Central Station and, of course, Times Square.

Monday 20th October

Chartered coach from our hotel to Syracuse University, departing at 8am. We would hope to be at our hotel around 3pm, stopping for lunch on the way. We will be staying at The Collegian Hotel. We are invited to a Welcome Dinner on Monday evening.

Tuesday 21st October-Thursday 23rd October

Remembrance events throughout the week, some events/activities to be confirmed

Friday 24th October

Rose Laying Ceremony. Our 10 young people will be part of the rose-laying ceremony, representing Lockerbie in memory of our 11 residents and Andrew McClune. We will follow this ceremony with the Remembrance Convocation, and a farewell dinner.



Saturday 25th October

7am departure from our hotel to Syracuse Airport. 10.32am United Airlines flight to Newark Liberty Airport, New York, arriving at 13.27pm. Wee bit of a wait at the airport, but with this week we will have had, no one will be moaning about this! 20.05pm United Airlines flight to Edinburgh Airport.

Sunday 26th October

06.55am arrival at Edinburgh Airport. We hope to be back at Lockerbie around 10.30am.

£150 will be used for hoodie to travel in, Empire State Building tickets, lunch/snacks throughout the day in NYC, and any other additions your child will need.

There really is no need for lots of spending money. We are overwhelmed at this whole trip, and know we are going to be very well looked after.

We need to ask each of you to complete the ESTA for entry to the USA <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/>. The cost of this is £21 and needs to be completed, and a copy to me by the end of next week (12/09/25). Please get in touch if you have any issues.

We would like to invite you to a meeting on **Thursday 25th September at 6pm** to discuss final arrangements and expectations for this time away. It goes without saying how much of a privilege this is and the behaviour we expect throughout the week.

Yours faithfully,



Kerry Galbraith Currie
Depute Head Teacher



Brian Asher
Head Teacher