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Dear Families

We are writing to you today with exciting news and important information regarding your child's upcoming Business Studies tour to San Francisco and Silicon Valley in February 2026. We are thrilled that your child will be joining us on this educational and enriching experience!

Please find below essential details for the trip, including passport and visa requirements, flight information, and accommodation details. A detailed itinerary of the tour is noted for your reference.

If you do not have a British Passport, you will need to apply for a Visa for permission to travel to the USA, please do this asap as there is a current wait time of approx 110 days.

ESTA Requirements:

For British citizens, your passport should be valid for the duration of your stay. No additional validity is required. To enter the United States, all travellers are required to obtain an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) in advance of travel. This can be done online. **It is essential that this is obtained prior to departure. Failure to do so will result in denied boarding and your child will be unable to travel.**

Please note: Evidence of any travel to Cuba on or after 12 January 2021 will render the traveller ineligible to travel to the United States using the visa waiver programme, and it will be necessary to obtain a visa. This process is expensive and time-consuming. If your child requires a visa for the USA, please be aware that the current wait time for an appointment at the US Embassy in London is approximately 110 days.

When applying for the ESTA, you will need the accommodation details, which are provided below.

Flight Details:

We will be flying with Virgin Atlantic for both outbound and inbound journeys.

- **Outbound Flight:**
 - **Departure:** London Heathrow (LHR)
 - **Date:** Friday 20 February 2026
 - **Time:** 10.55am
 - **Arrival:** San Francisco International Airport (SFO)
 - **Arrival time:** 1.55pm (local time)
 - **Flight number:** VS019
- **Return Flight:**
 - **Departure:** San Francisco International Airport (SFO)
 - **Date:** Tuesday 24 February 2026
 - **Time:** 3.45pm (local time)
 - **Arrival:** London Heathrow (LHR)
 - **Arrival time:** 9.55am (on Wednesday 25 February 2026)
 - **Flight number:** VS020

Accommodation Details:

Our accommodation in San Francisco will be:

- **Hotel:** Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf
- **Address:** 550 North Point Street, San Francisco, California 94133
- **Telephone:** 1-415-409 4600

Tour Itinerary:

The detailed outline itinerary for the trip is below. It provides a day-by-day overview of the exciting activities and educational visits planned for the students.

We will be in touch closer to the departure date with further information regarding packing, emergency contacts, and any last-minute preparations. In the meantime, please ensure you begin the ESTA application process as soon as possible.

Outline Itinerary:

DAY 1: Flight to San Francisco - Fisherman's Wharf

DAY 2: Chocolate Factory and Silicon Valley

DAY 3: Alcatraz, Jelly Belly Factory and Golden Gate Bridge

DAY 4: The Tech Interactive, Intel Museum and Stanford University

DAY 5: Golden Gate Bay Cruise, Flight departure

DAY 6: Arrive home

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me ebenjamin@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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