



### 30<sup>th</sup> School Exchange with West Tisbury School

#### Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, USA

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The school has a long tradition of exchanges with West Tisbury, our partner school on Martha's Vineyard, and preparations are now underway for what will be the thirtieth trip to Martha's Vineyard during October Half Term 2020 (Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October –Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020). Martha's Vineyard is a small island off the New England coast, close to Boston. West Tisbury is one of the island's four junior/middle schools which we have had a link with since 1991.

As is customary, our students will be staying in the homes of West Tisbury students and we reciprocate by accommodating American students on the return leg of the exchange in early June 2021. The cost of the trip is likely to be between £900 and £1100. This price includes all costs for the ten days that we are away. The final cost is largely dependent on the cost of flights to the USA and the number of pupils who take part in the exchange. As soon as flight reservations are secured, I will write to advise you of the final cost.

This trip is always extremely popular but thankfully this year students' places are expected to be around 40 (25 boys and 15 girls) due to West Tisbury having a larger year group, and a higher number of boys, than normal. If demand exceeds places then all names will be put into a draw; successful applicants will be notified together with a reserve list which may be drawn upon if circumstances change. As always, pupils are expected to display the highest standards of behaviour whilst representing the school abroad and pastoral staff will be consulted as to each pupil's suitability for this trip. Your child must also hold, or be able to obtain, a valid passport for travel to the USA.

If you would like to be a part of this unique opportunity for a cultural exchange please **complete and return the slip by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019**. If you are successfully allocated a place you will be notified ASAP. We will then require an initial deposit of £200 from successful applicants soon after.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P Norman (MV Exchange Leader 2020/21)

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I would like my son/daughter (name)..... of form 8 ..... to be considered for a place on the 30<sup>th</sup> School Exchange with West Tisbury School, Martha's Vineyard, USA.

Signed .....(Parent/Guardian)

**Please hand in to the Lower School Office FAO Mr P Norman**

