



Bridgewater

High School

13th UK/US INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

with

WEST TISBURY SCHOOL
MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Friday 22nd October to Monday 1st November 2004



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Outward Friday 22nd October 2004

07.30 Meet at coach on London Rd. Students to check in with group leader
07:50 Coach leaves for Terminal 1 – Manchester Airport
08:50 Check-in for Aer Lingus EL205 departs for Dublin, arriving 11:40
14:20 Aer Lingus EL137 departs for Boston, arriving 16:10
17:00 From Boston, taken by school bus to Woods Hole; transfer to
ferry for 50 minutes sail to Vineyard Haven
19:00 Arrive at Vineyard Haven. Met by host parents and taken home

Return Sunday 31st October/Monday 1st November 2004

14:00 Leave from West Tisbury School. Return to Boston via ferry and bus.
16:30 Aer Lingus EL132 from Boston to Dublin, arriving 07:50 (Monday local time)
09:50 Aer Lingus EL204 from Dublin to Manchester, arriving 10:35
11:15 Party departs from Manchester Airport by coach to Bridgewater High School
12:30 (Upper School) Collected by Parents at approximately 12:30. Taken home.

The Upper School Office will be kept informed of any delays to homeward flights.



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Martha`s Vineyard Cultural Exchange 2004-5

Dear Parents,

Your son or daughter should have received details of their American hosts. I am sure they will be keen to write, phone or email them in order to start to build a relationship.

In order to comply with the visa programme your son or daughter must hold a full British (or Irish) passport with at least 6 months to run after the return date for the visit. We intend to collect these for safe keeping at the information evening, which is to be held on Monday 11th October at Lower School, 6:00 – 6:30pm.

Return Visit Dates

These are still to be confirmed but are likely to be from the end of the summer half-term, Saturday 4th – Sunday 12th of June 2005. (Alternate dates are likely to be 16th – 24th April 2005). As these are days when your children should be at school please ensure that family holidays are not booked at these times.

Provisional Programme

Fri. 22 Oct: Depart on coach from BHS **7.30am** for Terminal 1 Manchester Airport Flight EI205 10:50. Bridgewater Students arrive Vineyard Haven at 7:00pm

Sat. 23 Oct: With host families

Sun. 24 Oct: With host families

Mon. 25 Oct: Arrive WT School at 8am, depart 8:30 BHS students depart for Chappaquidick Dunes

afternoon activities reverse students depart for Island Tour. 2:30pm return to WTS to rejoin American hosts

6pm Potluck at WT School for hosts and guests/ Rec time in gym

Tues. 26 Oct: 8 am British students gather at VH ferry terminal for day in Boston. Boston Science Museum and Cambridgeside Galleria.

6:00 pm arrive back at VH ferry terminal

Wed 27 Oct: Gay Head Light and Cliffs Pizza lunch at WT School Annual England vs. America soccer (football) game

Thu. 28 Oct: Freedom Trail and Quincy Market 6:00pm arrive back at VH ferry terminal

Fri. 29 Oct: Arrive 8 am BHS to Edgartown, Felix Neck, Vineyard Museum 2:30pm return to WTS to rejoin American hosts

Sat. 30 Oct: no organized activities for students

Sun. 31 Oct: Bridgewater Depart VH Ferry Terminal for Boston, flight home

Mon 1 Nov. Arrive Terminal 1 Manchester Airport 10:45 – Flight EI204 – Coach return to BHS approx **12:00 Midday**.

If you have any questions about the exchange please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr. Steer', is written over a white background.

Mr. Steer

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

This is at 10th October 2004 and is still subject to change.

Friday, 22 nd October	Arrive in Vineyard Haven. Greeted by host families.
Saturday, 23 rd October	Day with host families.
Sunday, 24 th October	Day with host families.
Monday, 25 th October	Welcome assembly at school- 8am Depart 8:30 Chappaquidick Dune Rides and in afternoon tour of the Island. 6pm Pot Luck Supper at WT School for hosts and guests/ Rec time in gym.
Tuesday, 26 th October	7 am British students gather at VH ferry terminal for day in Boston. Boston Science Museum and Cambridgeside Galleria (shop) 6:00 PM arrive back at VH ferry terminal
Wednesday, 27 th October	Morning - Gay Head Light and Cliffs - Pizza lunch at WT School. Annual England vs. America soccer (football) game
Thursday, 28 th October	8am meet at VH for day in Boston. Freedom Trail and Quincy Market 6:00pm arrive back at VH ferry terminal
Friday, 29 th October	BHS Depart @ 8:30 for MV Historical Society, Vineyard Museum (8:45 -10:00am) Edgartown (shopping and food) Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary (12:30-2:00pm) 2:30pm return to WTS to rejoin American hosts.
Saturday, 30 th October	Day with host families.
Sunday, 31 st October	12 midday, Bridgewater Depart VH Ferry Terminal for Boston, flight home.

STAFF SUPERVISION

At all times students are expected to listen carefully to instructions and then to obey those instructions. If we do get an opportunity to shop then students will be shown the location where they will always be able to find a member of staff. Students will be asked to report back by an announced time. They will be expected not to go off alone nor in a large group. They will be asked to stay in groups of three or four.

MARTHAS VINEYARD 2004

FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION ONLY

IN ENGLAND

Upper School Office is open 9.00am to 3.30pm each weekday during the half-term holiday. The telephone number is 01925 263919/266973. At other times in the half-term please telephone:

Mr P Jones	Assistant Head Teacher	
Mr P Deakin	Assistant Head Teacher	

IN THE UNITED STATES

Group Leaders may be contacted via their host teachers:

GROUP 1 Mr K Steer		GROUP 2 Miss A Addis	
c/o		c/o	
Tel:		Tel:	
1.	Matthew Andrews	1.	Thomas Lloyd
2.	Karl Biddle	2.	Richard Lyons
3.	Daniel Blewer	3.	Jonathan Matthews
4.	Joseph Bremend	4.	Andrew Morgan
5.	Jack Broady	5.	Stephanie Riley
6.	Rachel Byles	6.	Hannah Sampson
7.	Frazer Campbell	7.	Lauren Sharrock
8.	Natasha Desalis	8.	
GROUP 3 Mrs. P Ford		GROUP 4 Mrs C Jordan	
		c/o	
Tel:		Tel:	
1.	Lucy Fillaudeau	1.	Laura Shaw
2.	Lyndon Foster	2.	Alison Speed
3.	Katherine Garratt	3.	Sophie Swinhoe
4.	Adam Garrod	4.	Matthew Taylor
5.	Anna Holland	5.	Joanne Wilkinson
6.	Alexandra Lawrie	6.	Samantha Osborne
7.	Thomas Lawson	7.	Timothy Jessop
8.			

West Tisbury School is in session each weekday, 8.20am - 2.40pm (local time). The school telephone number is 001-508-696-7738. Please remember that local time is five hours behind UK time. Their clocks go back at the same time as ours.

West Tisbury School Website <http://www.wtisbury.mv.k12.ma.us/>

HINTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL EXCHANGE

Take travel sickness pills if necessary at a suitable time. If you carry an inhaler, have it easily accessible. Travel in comfortable clothes and flat-heeled shoes or trainers. Medicines for the journey must be clearly labelled with name and dosage, and be handed to your group leader for safe keeping until handed over to the American parent. Your group leader will look after your passport.

LUGGAGE

One cabin bag for items needed on the journey labelled with name and destination address:

Some snack food and cartons of drink (no fizzy drinks please) as refreshments can be expensive in the airports. Meals are provided on the Transatlantic flight only. Books/games/Walkman/puzzle books/magazines/earphones for in-flight entertainment etc.

Sweater and waterproof Jacket or Anorak.

Toiletries for the journey e.g. paper tissues and lip salve, toothbrush, make-up bags

Camera marked or labelled with your name, and film or disposable camera. Biro

Boiled sweets to suck to help prevent ear problems on take off and landing.

Any aerosols should be packed in the hand luggage.

Airport security

Please remember that you will need to go through numerous security checks. You must not carry any sharp or dangerous objects on your person or in hand luggage (Nail files / scissors etc.)

One suitcase labelled with name and destination address:

Casual comfortable "layers" of T Shirts, Sweatshirts and a warm Sweater, as evenings are chilly and the `Vineyarders` run their central heating at lower temperatures than we are used to in England.

Underwear, Socks, Shorts etc

Warm Sleeping Clothes and Slippers or house shoes.

Swimming gear and small Towel.

Toiletries.

Sports kit e.g. trainers and jogging gear (School Sweatshirt and jogging bottoms will be fine).

Sensible 'walking' Shoes or Trainers (we walk all day in Boston). Pen, pencils, note book/diary, sketch book etc if desired. Small gift for your host family (*something from England!*).

Have your home address inside your suitcase.

- YOU must be responsible for ALL your belongings including valuables such as cameras and Walkmans if you take them. (Most UK mobiles will not work in USA – don't take them)
- YOU must be able to carry or pull your own suitcase.
- **You are responsible for your own spending money (£50 - £100).** You should not take more than the equivalent £100 in U.S.A. dollars. You are advised not to keep it all in one place. Carry only what you need for that day.

The telephone number for EMERGENCY SERVICES in the USA is 911.

EXPECTATIONS OF PUPILS

WHEN TRAVELLING

- the absolute attention to and carrying out of instructions is vital.
- punctuality at all times is mandatory.
- courteous, well - mannered, sensible behaviour is expected.
- look after your OWN possessions.
- on school transport, follow the driver's instructions. No eating on Yellow Buses (No Chewing Gum!)

IN THE HOME OF YOUR HOST FAMILY

- be polite, "please" "thank you" etc.
- be appreciative of food, taxiing etc.
- offer to help / join in.
- do NOT use the telephone without permission, even to ring your Group leader.
- respect your accommodation, clean up after you have used the bathroom !

IN SCHOOL AND ON VISITS

- the Bridgewater Code of Conduct applies. **Please note:** *Pupils whose behaviour is such that the group leader is concerned for their safety, or for that of others, may be withdrawn from activities. The group leader may also consider whether in extreme circumstances such pupils should be sent home early. In these circumstances parents are advised that any additional costs incurred are payable by the parents concerned.*

REMINDERS

- "sleepovers" are expressly forbidden unless previously agreed between American and English teachers.
- alcohol, tobacco and other narcotics are illegal substances for this age group and are therefore strictly forbidden at all times (insurance policies do not cover for injuries caused following the use of illegal substances).
- "offensive weapons" e.g. knives and fireworks should not be purchased in the airport or in the USA. It is illegal to attempt to bring them into the UK.
- if you are unsure as to whether something is allowed or not, if in doubt - don't