



## N. Ireland – America Exchange

### GSWLA Student Exchange Program 2014



#### Traveling to N. Ireland April 4 – 12, 2014

- Meet your Chaperone  
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Room 211
- Keeping in touch from N. Ireland
  - Weebly See N. Ireland Tab <http://gswla.weebly.com/index.html>
  - Facebook <http://tinyurl.com/GSWLA-THS>
- Flight Information

Friday 4 April Depart Norfolk at 502pm and arrive Newark NJ at 641pm on United Express Jet  
Depart at 920pm and arrive in Belfast at 9am on Saturday 5 April on United

Saturday 12 April Return out of Belfast at 1110am and arrive Newark at 150pm on United  
Depart at 610pm and arrive Norfolk at 742pm on United Express Jet

- Draft Itinerary

DATE	ACTIVITIES
Sat 5 April	Arrival and collection by host families. Day spent with host family. N. Ireland host family applications due Jan. 17
Sun 6 April	Day with host family. Possible cultural visit to Ulster Folk Museum or similar.
Mon 7 April	In School for Registration. Presentation to Senior Assembly (10 min). Business Studies trip to Tayto factory (all day) – travelling by private bus.
Tues 8 April	In School for Registration. Ecology workshop with A level Biology students. Day spent in school participating in classes.
Wed 9 April	Cultural visit – Giants Causeway and Carrick-a-rede rope bridge (away all day) – travelling by private bus.
Thurs 10 April	Cultural visit – Titanic Centre, Belfast in morning, discover Belfast (our capital city!) in afternoon – travelling by train.
Fri 11 April	Morning in school. Possible Mayoral Reception in Town Hall. Evening with host families.
Sat 12 April	Fly home

- Required School Board Information – PowerPoint, Student Eligibility
- After-school Meeting Dates and Expectations of Students
  - Thursday, January 30

## Costs

- Airfare \$1040.90 per person (taxes subject to change prior to ticketing)  
Boosters contributed \$100 per student  
Deposit of \$500 due today  
Balance of \$440.90 and copy of passport due February 21
- Titanic building in Belfast and the Giants' Causeway adding about £100 to travel costs  
100.00 GBP = \$163.65 USD (exchange rate subject to change)

### GBP - British Pound Sterling

Country: United Kingdom

Region: Europe

Sub-Unit: 1 Pound = 100 pence

Symbol: £



The **pound** is the official currency of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The pound sterling is the fourth most-traded currency in the foreign exchange market. It's known locally as a *quid*.

<http://themoneyconverter.com/>

- Spending money - Suggested \$250 to \$300

## Upcoming dates

- **First student meeting, room 211, 2:15 p.m. Thursday, January 30**
- Last day to cancel without penalty **January 31**
- Copy of passport and balance due by **February 21**
- Next Parent Meeting **March 12 6:00 Library Media Center**

### **Student Eligibility Form**

**All remaining forms are due at this meeting**