

27 March 2023

Dear parents and carers

Study Visit to Berlin and Krakow

We are organising a study visit to Berlin and Auschwitz in Krakow for Year 10/11 GCSE History students (ie students currently in Years 9 and 10). The purpose of the visit is both educational and thought-provoking. 20% of the History GCSE course is made up of the unit Living Under Nazi Rule. As part of this, students will study the attitudes and actions of the Nazis. They will also explore the effect the Nazis had on the countries that they invaded which is why we visit Germany and Poland. The visit will take place during the Easter holiday, **2–6 April 2024**.

We will be staying 2 nights in a hostel in Berlin. The hostel offers excellent accommodation and food, and there is a wealth of interesting and educational visits to be made in this area. We will be visiting a number of sites of historic, cultural and religious interest. For example, a visit to Sachsenhausen and the Wannsee Villa, the Berlin Jewish Museum, a guided walking tour of Berlin and an evening meal at (most likely) the Hard Rock Café. We will be spending one night in Krakow. In Krakow there will be visits to Auschwitz-Birkenau camp, time to explore Krakow Old Town and Schindler's Factory Museum.

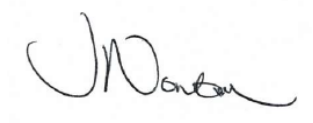
It is estimated that the total cost of the visit will be **£1150** (to be confirmed once flights are booked). This will include flights to Berlin from London, overnight coach to Krakow, flight home from Krakow, all accommodation, excursions, travel insurance and breakfast and lunch while we are there. Students may wish to have additional lunch money for their journey to Berlin and home from Krakow. A small amount of spending money may be bought along however each student will be responsible for any additional money they bring with them. All students require a valid **passport** - please ensure it is valid for six months from date of departure.

It is also advised that your child has a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) which is the replacement for the EHIC. If your child already has an EHIC and it will still be in date when we travel, then it will still be valid. Otherwise, you should apply for a GHIC, free of charge online at: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>.

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, please complete the slip below and return it to the Finance Office at school by **Monday 17 April**. There are only 40 places on the trip. After the Monday deadline, if we have more than 40 students then names will be placed in a ballot. You will receive confirmation of your child's place by Wednesday 19 April. Once confirmed, we will ask for a non-refundable **deposit of £200** to be paid by Friday 21 April to secure your child's place on the trip and let you have instalment dates for the remaining balance. If you are currently receiving free school meals please tick the box on the attached form as funds are available to cover the cost of the trip.

The final balance will be due in January 2024. If you have any questions regarding the trip please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely



Miss J Norton
Teacher of History

Study Visit to Berlin and Krakow 2 – 6 April 2024

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the trip to Berlin and Krakow from Tuesday 2 April to Saturday 6 April 2024.

I am currently receiving Free School Meals.

Student's name..... Form.....

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date