

8 June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Study Visit to Berlin and Krakow

We are organising a study visit to Berlin and Auschwitz in Krakow for current Year 9 and 10 students who are interested in, or are taking, GCSE History. The purpose of the visit is both historical and religious, and it will be a thought-provoking opportunity to introduce students to the Nazis' Final Solution. The visit will take place during the Easter holiday (**9-13 April**) 2022. The ideal candidates for this trip will be those currently studying History in Years 9 and 10.

We will be staying in Berlin for two nights, in the A&O Hostel Mitte, on a half board basis. This hotel 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; for example, a visit to Sachsenhausen and the Wansee Villa, the Berlin Jewish Museum, a guided walking tour of Berlin and an evening meal at the Hard Rock Café.

While in Krakow we will be spending one night in Hotel Wilga. In Krakow there will be visits to Auschwitz-Birkenau camp, a guided walking tour of the Jewish Quarter and Schindler's Factory Museum.

The total cost of the visit will be approximately **£980**. This will include flights from Bristol to Berlin, overnight coach to Krakow, all accommodation, excursions, travel insurance and all meals while we are there. Students will need to have a packed lunch/money for lunch for their flight to Berlin and return flight home from Krakow. Students may bring a small amount of spending money but they will be responsible for it during the trip. All students require a valid **passport** and **European Health Insurance Card** (EHIC). Please ensure passports are valid for six months after the date of return.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this visit please complete the slip below and return it to the Finance Office at school together with a non-refundable cash/cheque deposit of **£200.00** (cheques payable to The Castle School) when the trip opens on **Monday 14 June**. If you would like your child to participate but are unable to provide a deposit of **£200.00** before the above date, please contact me at school. Thereafter you may pay in instalments, with the final balance due 14 weeks before departure.

We are limited to 40 places on this trip so please get your reply slip in as soon as possible if you are interested in going.

Please see below for schedule of payments.

Deposit	£200
30/07/2021	£150.00
31/08/2021	£150.00
30/09/2021	£130.00
29/10/2021	£125.00
30/11/2021	£125.00
31/12/2021	£100.00

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information at this stage.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Walker
Head of History

Study Visit to Auschwitz 9 April – 13 April 2022 – Please return completed slips to Finance Office

I would like my son/daughter Form to be considered for the above trip. I enclose cash/cheque for (made payable to The Castle School). I understand that deposits are non-refundable except where covered under the insurance.

Signed Parent/Carer Date