

4 February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Study Visit to Berlin and Krakow

We are organising a study visit to Berlin and Auschwitz in Krakow for Year 9/10/11 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 (*which they will study during the summer term in Year 9 and in Year 11 at GCSE*). The visit will take place during the Easter holiday (**4-8 April**) 2020. The ideal candidates for this trip will be those looking to study History in Year 9 as a first GCSE or those already studying GCSE History in Years 10 or 11.

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 **£840**. This will include flights from Heathrow 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 **£225.00** by **Friday 8 February 2019**. If you would like your child to participate but are unable to provide a deposit of **£225.00** before the above date, please contact me at school. Thereafter you may pay in instalments, with the final balance due 14 weeks before departure.

Please DO NOT pay deposits via the school's online payment system, but by cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School). This ensures we can be fair in the allocation of places.

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

Yours sincerely

Natalie Murnin
Head of History

Study Visit to Auschwitz 4 April – 8 April 2020 – Please return completed slips to Finance Office

I would like my child 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.

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

Signed Parent/Carer Date