

25<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Visit to Berlin/Krakow/Munich, 5<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

I am delighted to be able to offer a History trip for KS4 and KS5 students to Berlin, Krakow and Munich from the 5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015 with European Study Tours, a member of ABTA. The trip will enhance students understanding of Germany 1919 – 39 and International Relations GCSE History Course units. The course is also relevant to the AS/A2 History curriculum, as the students study 20<sup>th</sup> Century Superpower Relations and 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Century Germany.

The Berlin itinerary includes a sightseeing tour of Berlin, including the Reichstag and the Brandenburg Gate. Students will also visit the Checkpoint Charlie Museum and Sachsenhausen Concentration camp, on the outskirts of Berlin. Additionally, there is some time built into the programme for students to relax and catch their breath, before moving on to Krakow.

In Krakow, the students will follow the Schindler Trail, which includes visiting the Schindler museum, based on the site of Oskar Schindler's factory. Also included, is a full-day guided excursion to Auschwitz-Birkenau, which serves as a living memorial to the many victims of the Holocaust. Students will also have the opportunity to see the world-famous Cloth Hall and do some shopping.

In Munich, our itinerary includes a walking tour of the city centre and a visit to the Ludwig Maximilians University, where we will visit the White Rose Movement Memorial.

The opportunity is available to all History students in KS4 and KS5 and the cost is **£549.00** per student, which offers excellent value-for-money for such an extensive trip. This price includes coach travel, travel insurance, half-board accommodation and all of the visits outlined above. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Students will need to bring sufficient funds for lunch each day and two evening meals (approx 8-10 Euros per meal). Each student must have their own passport, which meets all European travel requirements and an EHIC card.

For many students it is a truly life-changing and memorable experience and it is not uncommon for students to repeat the visit if possible. An experienced member of staff is leading the party, who has visited Berlin, Krakow and Munich before. The nature of this visit encourages independence and we will expect the highest standards of behaviour throughout.

If you wish your son/daughter to participate in this visit, please complete the slip below and return it to Mr. Devlin as soon as possible, with a non-refundable deposit of £99.00, payable via ParentPay. The deposit will be used to reserve the accommodation. Once a place is confirmed, parents will be able to pay the remainder as a lump sum, or in three further instalments:

- £150.00 due by 16th May 2014
- £150.00 due by 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014
- Final payment is due no later than 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Current legislation permits us to ask only for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of a visit. No student will be discriminated against on the grounds of inability to pay. However, if insufficient funds are not raised through contributions, then unfortunately the visit will have to be cancelled.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



**Mr P Devlin**  
**Director of Teaching and Learning**

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I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor group \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the trip to Berlin and Krakow from 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

I have paid a deposit of £99 via ParentPay and understand that three further payments of £150 or the final balance is due by 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer)

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_