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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Year 10 History Trip to Berlin and Krakow (Auschwitz)**  
**24th - 29th May 2019**

The History Department would like to offer students studying History in Year 10 the chance to participate in a residential trip to Berlin, Germany and Krakow Poland.

The group will leave on Friday 24th May and return on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019. This trip offers an opportunity for students to consolidate learning on several modules of the GCSE course, such as: Weimar and Nazi Germany (1918-1939), and the Cold War (1941-1991). During the Berlin part of the trip students will visit: the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, the Reichstag, the Brandenburg Gate, the site of the Berlin Wall, the Topography of Terror Museum and the DDR museum. During their stay in Krakow students will visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp, the Galicia Jewish Museum where they will have the opportunity to meet with a Concentration Camp survivor and Oskar Schindler's factory in Krakow. This aims to allow students to visit many of the places studied during Year 10 and Year 11 and to increase their contextual understanding of key events of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

The accommodation will be in a hotel with shared rooms under the supervision of the BGS members of staff. This trip will cost £895.00 depending on the final number of participants. There is a **limit of 40 places** for this trip and this will be decided on a **'first come first served basis'**.

Prices quoted include all airport transfers (both to and from Heathrow airport) and to and from the hotels in Berlin and Krakow, travel within Berlin, meals (breakfast and dinner in the hotel and packed lunches each day), accommodation and activities. At this time prices are approximate and although we do our best to ensure that they do not increase, please bear in mind a price increase may be unavoidable if lower than expected participants attend the trip. The only other additional money students may wish to have is a small amount of spending money for souvenirs or snacks.

In order to secure your child a place on this trip a deposit payment of £300 must be paid online via ParentPay.

The Finance Office will accept applicants on a paid deposit 'first come first serve' policy in the event of the trip being oversubscribed. We will then write to the successful participants with confirmation of their place and the final cost once the trip is confirmed. Once we have confirmed your child's place all deposits are non-refundable and can only be refunded in the case of insurable circumstances - for example serious illness - for which we would need medical evidence in order to process a claim.

As with any school journey a student may be removed from the trip if they fail to meet the school's expectations with regard to behaviour, in the run up to the event. If such a situation arises it may not

be possible to refund all, or any, of the monies paid depending on the deposits necessary to secure the trip and the refunds policy of companies employed on our behalf.

Yours sincerely,

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