



13 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## **EDUCATIONAL HISTORY VISIT TO BERLIN, 3-5 NOVEMBER 2023**

I am delighted that your son/daughter has chosen to study A Level History, and I am pleased to be able to offer them the opportunity of an educational visit to Berlin this coming November.

The purpose of this visit is to support our students' work on their Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) in Year 13 which focuses on the causation of the Final Solution. The NEA is the coursework element of the History A Level which counts for 20% of the final grade. Although not essential for the NEA, this visit will provide students with an insight into this question.

The visit will take students to major locations in and around Berlin which are linked to, or give perspective on, the Holocaust, including Sachsenhausen concentration camp, the Wannsee Villa (where details of the Final Solution were finalised), the Topography of Terror Museum, the Jewish Museum, and the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe. These sites have all been chosen to support our students' understanding of the long-term causes, and eventual scale, of the Holocaust.

A detailed itinerary will be issued nearer the time, but we will leave Waddesdon early on the morning of Friday, 3 November, and return to Waddesdon School late on the evening of Sunday, 5 November. Airport transfers will be by coach and we will use the U-Bahn or coach for the excursions in Berlin. I will accompany the students, supported by Mr McGregor and another member of staff.

Students will require a passport with at least three months' validity after 5 November and valid for travel to the EU. Please apply immediately if your son/daughter does not already hold a valid passport. They will also need a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC), or EHIC if it still valid. Accommodation will be at the Transit Loft Hotel in Berlin on a full board basis (from dinner on Friday to lunch on Sunday inclusive).

Students wishing to take part in this visit will have a booking made by the school on their behalf with a tour operator. All conditions of the booking will be as laid down by the tour operator; for example, payments are non-refundable once a place has been confirmed, except for cancellation by you due to medical reasons, confirmed by a doctor, or on agreed compassionate grounds, or if the visit is cancelled by the school or tour operator.

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**The cost of the visit will be £684, based on 30 students taking part and depending on flight availability and fare at the time of confirmation.** This includes all travel (one piece of hand luggage only), full-board accommodation, excursions, and schools travel insurance. In addition, students will need a packed lunch and snacks for the outward journey, money for an evening meal on the return journey, and a small amount of pocket money for drinks in the departure lounge or on board flights, and for souvenirs and incidentals.

If you would like your son/daughter to be considered for a place on the visit, please complete the slip below and return it with a deposit of **£180 in cash by Friday, 22 September** at the latest. We will then confirm your son/daughter's place on the visit and the balance of **£504 will be due by 13 October** at the latest, payable through ParentPay. Acceptance of a place on the visit constitutes a commitment to pay for the visit in full. We are aware of the short turn-around for this visit and may be able to support families with a payment plan, so please contact us if you are not able to meet these deadlines.

Priority for places on the visit will go to Year 13 students. If the visit is oversubscribed, places will be allocated at random.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Mrs Cooper in our Finance Office.

Yours sincerely

**Ellen Hoe**

Subject Leader for History/Visit Group Leader

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

My son/daughter wishes to take part in this visit. I enclose a deposit of **£180 in cash** and agree to pay the balance of £504 on ParentPay by 13 October if he/she is allocated a place.

He / She holds or will hold a valid passport for travel to the EU (please enter details below, if known)

Full name on passport..... Date of Birth.....

Passport number..... Nationality.....

Issued on (date)..... Expiry.....

Signed..... (Parent/Carer) Date.....