



Dear Parent,

Ref: History and Politics trips to Germany and Poland

The History and Politics Department are excited to offer parents and students from Year 10-13 the choice of two trips. The first is Berlin, Germany & Krakow, Poland - a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The focus of the trip will be on the World Wars and Cold War history. Sites visited will include the Cold War Museum and Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin, whilst students will have the opportunity to explore the Jewish quarter and visit Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, site of the former Nazi concentration and extermination camp. Students will also expand their historical knowledge, through visiting the Wieliczka Salt Mine, which dates back some 700 years and was pivotal in boosting the town's economy.

Our second trip option is Berlin and Rome, which compliments both our GCSE and A Level courses. In History A Level we study Nationalism, democracy to dictatorship through our breadth study on Germany 1919-89 and a depth study on Italy, 1911-47. Our Politics students also pursue a Global Politics paper. Our second trip will offer the same itinerary for Berlin but instead replace Krakow with Rome. Students will be able to visit famous sites such as the Colosseum and the Vatican, and also discover the history of Fascist Italy.

This is just a snapshot of the busy itineraries we have planned for both trips. Next steps will be as follows:

- If you would like to know more, we will be submitting a more detailed letter with costings to go out next Monday. This first letter will ask for a deposit before the end of this term to secure flights and accommodation. We appreciate this is a short turn around but also want to ensure we can offer a series of staggered payments and retain our original quote and dates. You will also have a chance to choose between both trips and we will go with the most popular choice
- We will also hold a meeting next week for interested students to attend and, if the trip is viable, follow up with a parents' meeting in September.

Our current trip costings are based on 30 students with 4 accompanying staff on a half board basis with insurance also covered.

Dates of the trips will be confirmed next week but are likely to run between 19th and 24th October.

Yours sincerely

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