



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**Year 11 History Trip to Berlin October 2012**

Dear Parents,

I am writing to give details of a Year 11 History trip to Berlin in October 2012. As you maybe aware we are currently following the AQA GCSE syllabus, in which the students study Weimar Germany from 1918-33, Hitler's Germany from 1933-39 and the Cold War from 1945-90, which includes several events centred in Berlin. Therefore, a good amount of the exam syllabus would be covered by this trip and it would hopefully enhance the student's understanding of it. Whilst it may certainly prove helpful, this trip is not however a necessity for all GCSE students studying our History syllabus. In addition, there would also be a wider social, moral, spiritual and cultural purpose to the trip, beyond any exam. At this stage we are gauging how many parents of current Year 10 students would be interested in their son or daughter being part of this trip next year.

The trip will run from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2012. This is the week leading up to October half term and includes the first Saturday of half term. We will fly from either Luton or Heathrow Airport, stay at a good quality Youth Hostel in central Berlin and hire a coach/use public transport as appropriate to see the various historical sites and museums.

Included in the Itinerary would be visits to historical sites, museums and places to relax in the evenings:

Day 1

- The Topography of Terror Museum
- Remains of Gestapo Interrogation Headquarters
- Walking Tour including Luftwaffe Headquarters & site of Hitler's bunker
- Tour of Second World War and Cold War Underground Bunkers
- Ten Pin Bowling

Day 2

- Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp
- Berlin Olympic Stadium
- Brandenburg Gate
- Berlin Holocaust Memorial and Museum
- The Tiergarten Soviet War Memorial
- The Reichstag Building (German Parliament)

Day 3

- Allied Museum (Berlin Blockade & Airlift)
- Bernauerstrasse (Reconstruction of a portion of the Berlin Wall)
- Checkpoint Charlie Museum
- Cinema

Day 4

- German Historical Museum (Focusing on 1918-1989)
- Walking Tour of Jewish Quarter & site of Kristallnacht
- Shopping Trip

The cost of this trip will be in the region of £525 per student, depending upon the size of our party. This would include a 4 day (3 nights) visit, half-board accommodation, flights, coach hire to and from Luton or Heathrow Airport as well as all other transport costs in Berlin (coach and public transport), insurance, cost of excursions and museum admission, damage deposit and educational resources.

At this stage we are merely researching how many parents of Year 10 History students would be interested in sending their son/daughter on the trip. Unfortunately all airlines refuse to allow school bookings of more than 45 students and 5 staff. This will probably mean that we will be travelling in two parties on two separate flights as we did this year. Therefore if there were to be more than 90 students interested in going on the trip (105 Year 10 students currently study History) we would have to draw names out of a hat to decide who would go and who would miss out. Any students who missed out would be guaranteed a place on the Year 11 Battlefields Trip in February 2013.

I will write a further letter to interested parents in the next few weeks. To register your interest in this trip please return the following slip to your child's History teacher by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

Yours sincerely,

Charlie Farmery

History Department  
Acting Head of Politics

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Reply slip for Berlin Trip 2012

I would be interested in my child \_\_\_\_\_

attending the Year 11 Berlin Trip in October 2011.

I would be willing to pay in the region of £525 for this trip.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S HISTORY TEACHER BY FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup>  
NOVEMBER 2011**