



*Church of England School*  
 Headteacher: Mr A J Wilcock MA (Cantab)

21<sup>st</sup> September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

**GCSE History Trip – Berlin 2018**

The History Department are very pleased to be able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to take part in a 4 day trip to Berlin during February Half Term (Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018) designed to enrich their GCSE History course, specifically in relation to their units on Weimar Germany and the Cold War.

Berlin is an exciting capital but also a city which is rich in culture and history. The trip will include visits to a number of places of interest which relate to your son/daughter's GCSE History course. This will include a guided walking tour of Berlin. While in Berlin your son/daughter will also learn about Nazi institutions of terror by visiting Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, as well as the Topography of Terror Museum. There will also be visits made to other historically important sites such as Checkpoint Charlie, the most famous East German-West German border crossing. The house at Checkpoint Charlie shows an almost incomprehensible number of original means and tools that people used in their escape out of the "DDR" as well as the Stasi prison, a former canteen block that was converted into the main Soviet Secret Police prison for detention and interrogation in East Germany. The trip will also include visits to the Holocaust Memorial, German Historical museum and evening activities.

The cost of the trip should be **approximately £540** (the final price and the viability of the trip going ahead is dependent on minimum numbers being reached). The price includes scheduled flights, including all internal travel, transfers to the airport from school, accommodation, all entrance fees and tours as well as breakfast and dinner.

Please note that places are limited, therefore will be allocated on a strict first -come first -served basis as payments are received. Should the maximum number be reached before the deadline, the item will be closed on ParentPay.

To secure a place on this trip, a non-refundable deposit of **£210** is required by **9th October 2017**. Payment should be made via ParentPay and selecting '**Berlin History Trip – 2017/2018**'. Should you have any concerns with respect to payment, please contact Mrs Hagon on 01895 671002, alternatively email [parentpay@bishopramseyschool.org](mailto:parentpay@bishopramseyschool.org)

Naturally we expect a high standard of behaviour from all students on school trips. It is the school's view that trips are a privilege reserved for students who meet the requirements of the school's Behaviour Policy. Students, who fail to meet these requirements, as decided by the Headteacher, may be refused permission to participate in a school trip. Furthermore, the Headteacher reserves the right to disallow a student from participating in a school trip if in their opinion, the health and safety of the student or other students or staff is at risk. Should a student be excluded from a trip, any monies paid to that date will not be refunded.



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Once payment has been made your son/daughter will need to provide a copy of their passport and EHIC card by 9<sup>th</sup> October. These must be submitted either in person to Miss Hill or via email at [vhill15.312@lgflmail.org](mailto:vhill15.312@lgflmail.org).

Please note that upon making your payment you are agreeing to the following terms and conditions associated with this trip:

Your permission is granted for your son/daughter:

- To attend the trip
- To be given a mild painkiller (eg. paracetamol) if considered necessary by the party leader
- To receive medical treatment in an emergency situation if as parent/carer you cannot be contacted.

You confirm:

- That your son/daughter's medical details are correct on the Parent Portal and will inform us of any changes to these details between now and the trip
- That you understand that if your son/daughter's behaviour in school is not acceptable then he/she may be withdrawn from the trip and any monies paid to date will not be refunded.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me by email.

Yours faithfully,



**Miss V Hill**  
**History Department**