

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian,

**GCSE History: Trip to Krakow and Auschwitz-Birkenau, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2018**

The History department is proposing to run a trip to Krakow, Poland in the academic year 2017-18 for Fifth Form history students. It would focus on the history of the Holocaust and the Second World War. The cost of the trip is approximately £500. The price will include all transport costs, entrance fees, accommodation, as well as all meals except lunches and those eaten whilst travelling. The tour is being run by NST, an established company which has provided excellent tours for several departments in school over a number of years, including the previous three A Level history trips that we have taken to Berlin and last year's hugely successful trip to Krakow.

Hotel accommodation will be at the Hotel Alexander, in the historic centre of the city. The trip is designed to enrich students' understanding of the Holocaust, the study of which forms a key component of the AQA GCSE history course. Visits will include a day long excursion to Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum, which documents that site's role as a concentration and death camp during the Nazi occupation of Poland in the Second World War, a guided tour of Krakow's historic centre, the so-called "Schindler Museum", which explains the wider impact of the Nazi occupation on Poland as well as the life of the famous Holocaust rescuer Oskar Schindler, and the Galicia Jewish Museum. Overall, the itinerary is designed so that students leave Krakow with a deeper appreciation of what was lost as a result of, as well as what happened during, the Holocaust.

We are limited to approximately 40 students, and hopefully, demand for places will be high. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you would like your son or daughter to take part, please complete the attached slip and return it by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017** via your son/daughter to **Room 16** at break time. A non-refundable deposit of £100 via ParentPay also needs to be paid online prior to that date. The remaining cost will be spread across at least two instalments, half of which will be due near the end of first autumn half-term (late October 2017) and the remainder due early in December 2017. A further letter will follow with precise details for those registered on the trip.

To simplify the preparation process, students **must at the same time as returning the permission slip also return** the following in the same, sealed envelope (labelled with their name and form):

- A black and white photocopy of the photograph page of their passport (which must be valid for a date beyond July 2018);
- A completed version of the North Yorkshire educational visits medical form (which should have been collected alongside this letter);

**All three elements must be returned in order for a place to be considered "secure".**

I would also strongly encourage students intending to come on the trip to apply for a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) if they do not possess one already, or to re-apply if their card has expired or will expire before the trip ends. Application is a free and simple process, and can be undertaken online via:

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/EHIC/Pages/about-the-ehic.aspx>

If you have any concerns about financing this trip, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wright, Head of Upper School. For any other queries about this visit, please feel free to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr M Spiers**  
Head of History

**A Level History Trip to Krakow, 19 - 22 January 2017 PERMISSION SLIP**

Pupil's name: .....

Form Group:.....

Please list any food preferences (e.g. vegetarianism) or allergies which will affect what your son/daughter eats whilst on the trip:

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**I wish to reserve a place for my son/daughter/ward on this trip.**

Name..... Signature.....

Please return this completed slip with a non-refundable deposit of £80, to **Room 16** by **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016**.

**Checklist – please only seal the envelope and return it when the following is completed/included:**

- £100 deposit via the ParentPay website
- This permission slip
- A black and white photocopy of the photograph page of the student's passport (which must be valid for a date beyond July 2018)
- A completed version of the North Yorkshire educational visits medical form