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Monday 17 July 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian,

A Level History: Trip to Berlin, Thursday 7 – Monday 11 December, 2017

The History Department is proposing to run a trip to Berlin in the academic year 2017-18 for Year 13 history students. It would repeat a highly successful trip undertaken with the four previous Year 13 cohorts. The cost of the trip is approximately £460. The price will include all transport costs, entrance fees and accommodation, as well as several meals whilst in Berlin. The tour is being run by NST, an established company which has provided excellent tours for a number of departments in school over a number of years, including the previous four we have taken to Berlin.

Hotel accommodation will be at the modern and conveniently located Aletto Kudamm hostel, in the historic centre of the city. The tour is designed to enrich the study of both the unification of Germany up to 1871 and the Cold War, in which a divided Berlin played a pivotal part. These topics form the focus for two of the three core units of study which make up the AQA A-Level History syllabus. Visits will include the German parliament or Reichstag, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, the Berlin Wall, an enthralling tour of the underground bunker system in which Berliners sheltered from Allied air raids during the Second World War, the world class German History Museum, and the Olympic Stadium originally designed for Hitler and the 1936 games.

We are limited to approximately 30 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 have them return it by **Thursday 7th September 2017**, as well submitting a non-refundable deposit of £100 via ParentPay. The remaining cost will be spread across at least two instalments, half of which will be due in mid-October and the remainder in mid-November.

To simplify the preparation process, students must **also return** the following in the same, sealed envelope (please label with the pupil's full name):

- A black and white photocopy of the photograph page of their passport (please check that the passport will not expire prior to the trip);
- A completed version of the North Yorkshire educational visits medical form (which should have been collected alongside this letter);

Both these elements, plus the £100 deposit, 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 Mr Fell, Head of Sixth Form. For any other queries about this visit, please feel free to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully,

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Pupil's name:

Year/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 the passport photograph and medical form to **Room N2** by **Tuesday 30th June**.

Tick list – please only seal the envelope and return it when the following is complete/included:

- £100 deposit via ParentPay
- 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 the end of 2017)
- A completed version of the North Yorkshire educational visits medical form