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Principal - Mr T Beesley

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 History Visit to Poland, Auschwitz and Krakow, Monday 17th February 2025 – Thursday 20th February 2025

The College is organising a History trip to the Auschwitz and Krakow the during February half term 2025. This is something we have always offered students during their study of GCSE History. Whilst this is not a compulsory part of their study it proves to be a valuable life experience and compliments their study of Germany: Democracy to Dictatorship, usually students will be studying Nazi Germany during this trip.

The cost of the trip will be £915. The trip includes:

- 4 days and 3 nights in Poland
- All travel including transfer from college to the airport
- All breakfast and evening meals
- Travel insurance
- 2 x Airport Transfer in Krakow
- Coach Excursion to Auschwitz
- Guided tour in Krakow
- 3.5 Hour Guided Tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau
- Visit to Galicia Jewish Museum Including Exhibition Tour
- Meeting with a Concentration Camp Survivor or Relative at the Galicia Museum
- Excursion to Wieliczka Salt Mine

This is only open to pupils who are in Year 10 and 11 (2024/2025).

Should you wish to be considered for a place on the trip please show your expression of interest on ParentPay by 17th May 2024. If more than 50 students wish to attend, students will be randomly selected for places. This will not be done on a first come, first served basis. We will let you know if your child has a place on the trip by **22nd May 2024**.

Once pupils have been selected for the trip a **non-refundable full deposit** of £150 will be required to be paid by 24th May 2024 at 3.30pm to be paid via ParentPay. This will confirm your acceptance of their place. The payment schedule is as follows. Please note that once paid, all money becomes non-refundable unless covered by insurance or recoverable from the travel provider, as we have to pay this out to the travel provider.

The remaining balance can be paid in instalments but must be paid by the following dates:

- 2nd payment - £191.25 by 30th June 2024
- 3rd payment - £191.25 by 31st July 2024
- 4th payment - £191.25 by 30th September 2024
- 5th payment - £191.25 by 31st October 2024

We do not wish financial circumstances to prevent your child from participating so please contact Finance on the email below if you have any concerns of this nature. If you have any problems logging on to ParentPay or if your child is in receipt of free school meals and you require financial assistance, please also contact: trips@allhallows.org.uk.

If you pull out of the trip you may lose all monies paid and be liable for any costs incurred by the school except in circumstances when your reason is covered by the insurance or where we can replace your child on the trip without charges being incurred. Behaviour will be assessed in the run up to the trip, any adverse behaviour will be discussed and reported to parents and if improvements are not made then removal from the trip may happen and any money paid towards the trip will not be refunded. By accepting a place on this trip, you agree to your child abiding by school rules and staff instructions at all times.

Important information regarding passport requirements, Travel Insurance, Brexit and Covid-19

Please note the following information: -

1. **Since Brexit, the main change has been to do with passport validity – parents and students will be responsible for ensuring they have the correct period of validity prior to travel ideally at least 6 months left on the passport.** If students do not have this, they run the risk of being turned away at the airport and the school cannot pay any compensation. Now is the time to apply for a new passport if this is the case.
2. **Students should also have an GHIC card.** The EHIC card has been replaced by the GHIC card, which can be applied for online prior to departure.
3. If a passport is not a UK or EU passport, it is the responsibility of the parent of guardian to apply for relevant visas.
4. **Currently there is no requirements regarding COVID, however, we cannot guarantee that this will not change. Ideally, students would be double vaccinated but this is currently not a requirement.**

Should you wish for any more details please contact Mr Eardley.

Yours faithfully,
Mr J Eardley
Subject leader of History



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