

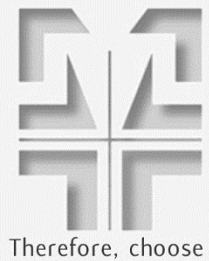
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'Growing in Body, Mind and Spirit'



July 2023

Dear Parent / Carer and Pupil

I am writing to inform you of a school holiday which is set to take place during the October half term week of 2024. This will be an educational visit to Berlin, Krakow and Dresden.

The holiday will take place during the first week of the October half term, the dates for which are Friday 18 October to Sunday 27 October 2024, and is aimed at enhancing the history and languages curriculum. It will include excursions to the Berlin Holocaust Museum, the German Parliament and pupils will visit Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Poland. In addition to this they will, of course, have the opportunity to do some souvenir shopping and enjoy the different cultures of Germany and Poland.

At present we are welcoming expressions of interest from pupils in Years 9 to 10 as they will be in Years 10 to 11 when the holiday takes place in 2024. If there are still places available, pupils in Year 8 will also be offered the chance to take part.

We will be using luxury coach transport for the entire trip, crossing the channel by the overnight ferry from Hull to Rotterdam on both journeys.

The full itinerary is set out below for your perusal.

Itinerary

Friday 18 October 2024

After-school departure by luxury coach to Hull. Overnight ferry crossing, including evening meal and cabin accommodation, arriving in Rotterdam on Saturday morning.

Saturday 19 October 2024

Travel to Berlin, Germany. Evening city sightseeing tour of Berlin, followed by a meal in the hotel and accommodation at the City Light Hotel, Berlin.

Sunday 20 and Monday 21 October 2024

We will be spending the days visiting the major landmarks of Berlin, including the remaining Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, the Holocaust Museum, the Brandenburg Gate and the German Parliament, as well as having free time to shop in the biggest department store in Europe.

Tuesday 22 October 2022

Travel to Krakow, a beautiful city in Poland. Here we will stay at the Hotel Wyspianski.

Wednesday 23 October 2022

Excursion to the Jewish museum and site of the Jewish Ghetto in Krakow followed by visit to Auschwitz Concentration Camp. Afternoon/Evening viewing the beautiful city of Krakow. Time for souvenir shopping from the grand market square.

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Thursday 24 October 2022

Morning in Krakow, early afternoon drive to Germany, where we will stay at the hostel in the old prisoner of war camp, Colditz Castle.

Friday 25 October 2022

Guided tour around Colditz Castle. During WWII the castle was converted into a high security prisoner of war camp for officers who had become security or escape risks or who were regarded as particularly dangerous. Visit to Dresden, the old capital of the Kings of Saxony and since unification in 1990 a cultural and political centre in Germany.

Saturday 26 October 2022

Full day travelling to Rotterdam. Overnight ferry from Rotterdam to Hull, arriving back at school at about 10.30am on the morning of Sunday 27 October.

Price

As this is a ten day trip the cost of the holiday is £995. The cost is inclusive of overnight ferry cabin and evening meal, accommodation, half board (pupils will be expected to buy their own lunches), travel insurance and excursion fees. The cost is based on us filling the trip with 54 pupils and, as stated above, if there are less than 54 from the present Years 8 & 9 it will be offered to pupils in Year 7. I realise this is quite a costly holiday but as we are booking this so far in advance this does allow for a generous time to pay!

Payment and securing a place

Please do not send in any money for this trip until your child has secured a place. Please complete the online form [Expression of Interest form - Berlin 2024](#) by **Wednesday 6 September** if your child is interested in securing a place. Places will not be allocated on this visit on a first come first served basis, but all forms must be submitted by the deadline.

It is quite possible the trip will be oversubscribed so we will more than likely have to draw the names out of a hat. Please note, priority will be given to pupils who have not secured a place on another future visit. Pupils who have submitted their online forms will be asked to attend a meeting where pupils will be asked to write their names on a list with their friends. A list of pupils who are successful will then be put up outside classroom H6 a day or so after the meeting. Pupils who are successful in securing a place will receive another letter regarding payments, a behavioural contract and further details about the visit.

For information: payment may be made in full or alternatively by instalments. To maintain guaranteed prices it is vital that the following minimum payments are forwarded to us by the dates given:

- Initial deposit of £100 - Friday 29 Sept 2023
- Second deposit of £250 - Friday 10 November 2023
- Third deposit of £250 - Friday 12 January 2024
- Fourth deposit of £250 - Friday 15 March 2024
- Fifth deposit of £145 - Friday 17 May 2024

Please can all payments be made via School Gateway.

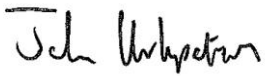
Important information

- Once allocated a place, the school reserves the right to exclude from the visit any pupil whose behaviour gives cause for concern prior to departure. A behavioural contract will be issued to all students upon confirmation of successfully obtaining a place. An additional contract detailing acceptable behaviour whilst on the trip will be issued shortly before departure.

- In line with our Returns and Refunds procedures, all payments immediately become non-refundable once your child has been allocated a place unless a replacement can be found.
- Parents / Carers are required to attend a short evening meeting at school that to inform you further about our arrangements for the trip. Further details about this will follow.
- All pupils will need a valid passport for this visit with at least 6 months still valid
- All pupils will need a valid Ehic or Ghic health insurance card
- As this is an expensive holiday there is a possibility the interest may be small and the trip may not run in its present form. Should this occur the cost of the trip may rise or the trip be cancelled. In both instances I will contact parents as soon as possible with more information.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and for your support of this educational venture. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kirkpatrick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first few letters.

Mr J Kirkpatrick