

Dear parent/carer,

As you may be aware, the History Department ran a very successful residential visit to Berlin in February for our GCSE students in current years 10 and 11. Whilst it was always our ambition to be able to run a trip in 2019 for our new students in years 9 and 10 (our current Year 8s and 9s), some late availability has meant that we are now able to offer the residential visit to our students in these year groups.

The visit is intended to support and compliment the pupils' study of Germany 1890-1945 and the Cold War 1945-1975. However, it is important to note that this visit is not a compulsory element of the GCSE course.

Due to the availability we have been able to secure, the dates of the visit will be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019, with the visit running over the last three days of the February half term and the first three days of the spring term.

The cost of the visit will be £405 per person and will include the following:

- Return passenger travel from East Cowes to Southampton
- The exclusive use of an executive coach for the duration of our visit
- Return ferry travel from Dover to Calais
- 3 nights' bed & breakfast accommodation at the newly opened Schultz Hotel Berlin (<https://www.schulzhotels.com/en/home/>)
- Restaurant evening meals & activities
- All visit entrances (see attached itinerary)
- Comprehensive group travel insurance and the reassurance that our booking is with a leading schools travel company, European Study Tours ([www.euro-study-tours.co.uk](http://www.euro-study-tours.co.uk))

Due to the high cost of packed lunches quoted, it has been decided that lunches will be purchased as we are out and about during the day, allowing the students to have a richer cultural experience during the visit. Therefore, students will need to set aside some spending money to pay for lunches during our visit. From previous experience approximately €10.00 a day should be sufficient. Pupils will also need their own valid passport to travel. We will also use Berlin's excellent public transport system on days when we are unable to use the coach or where it is not convenient. Public transport tickets are very inexpensive and a further €10.00 for the entire trip should be sufficient.

Due to limits imposed by the availability of accommodation and coach capacity, we have places for 40 pupils for students who will be studying GCSE History in Years 9 and 10 in September 2018. Places will be offered on a first come first served basis and secured by a non-refundable deposit of £55.00.

To obtain a place on the visit, please pay the deposit of £55.00 online through Scopay or by cheque, complete the attached consent form and return it to Reception by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Cheques should be made payable to Cowes Enterprise College. Once the visit is confirmed, details of payment deadlines, a payment plan and future parent information evenings will be forwarded to you.

Please discuss the details of the trip carefully with your child. If children withdraw from the trip after the deposit has been paid, this can have consequences for the viability of the trip as a whole. With that in mind, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have about the visit.

We are confident that the visit represents excellent value for money and will be an experience that will be incredibly rewarding for you child and one that they remember for the rest of their lives.

Thank you in advance for your support with our visit.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N Wiltshire  
Director of Learning for Humanities