

Dear Parent/Carer

16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### YEAR 10 GCSE HISTORY TRIP TO KRAKOW, POLAND

The History Department is organising a trip to Munich in Germany departing by plane **on Friday 12th July to Monday 15th July (dates subject to confirmation)**. This trip will visit key historical sites including Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp, the Oscar Schindler museum, the Wieliczka salt mine, visit to the Oscar Schindler Museum and Q+A session with a concentration camp survivor at the Galicia museum. This trip is designed to provide students with an invaluable insight into the policies of the Nazis and the horrific events of the Holocaust. This will support and enhance students' understanding of the Germany 1890-1945 topic studied throughout Year 9+ revisited in Year 11.

Cost: **£650\***

Venue: **Krakow, Poland**

*\* Please be aware that the costs are dependent on the numbers of students who sign up. A full price will be worked out after students have had the opportunity to sign up, upon which time, a full payment schedule will be shared.*

The cost of the tour will include:

Flight by scheduled airline

Coach transfer from airport to hotel

Coach transfer between school and airport

Half-board accommodation

Entry fees to all museums, tours & activities

Evening meals included


In order to be considered for the trip, please complete the attached reply slip and return by **Wednesday 29th November** to the history office in the downstairs B block next to B5. **If the trip is then oversubscribed, students will be selected from a draw with students not successful being placed on a waiting list.** Students will then be informed as soon as possible after the draw has taken place and be given the opportunity to make an initial deposit payment with a letter detailing the future payment details.

Please note that this trip is dependent on sufficient numbers taking up this opportunity. **We reserve the right to refuse students a place** on the trip on the grounds of poor attitude, behaviour or if they present any risky behaviours to themselves or others on the trip.

At this point if there is a known reason why a student may need one to one care at any point on the trip, please make us aware. **The Vandyke Opportunities Fund** is available to support families in financial hardship. If you think you might qualify please contact Mrs Verrier at school using verrierm@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk or call 01525 636700. There are clear criteria that set out when financial support can be provided and Mrs Verrier will be pleased to speak with you in confidence about this.

If you have any queries regarding this visit please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Bodo 

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**RETURN TO THE HISTORY OFFICE IN THE DOWNSTAIRS B BLOCK**

**FAO Mr Bodo – Re. KRAKOW STUDY VISIT 2024**

**Student's name:** ..... **Tutor Group:**.....

I consent to my child taking part in Year 10 KRAKOW STUDY TRIP

**Signed:** ..... **(Parent/Carer) Date:** .....

**Name:** .....

**Email Address:** .....

**Medical and dietary requirements:**

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