

September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: History trip to Krakow – March 13th – 15th March 2020

The history department is planning to take current Year 12 and 13 students to Krakow, Poland. The purpose of this trip is to enable students to experience a guided tour of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp and other sites of historical importance, including a walking tour of Krakow and the Galicia Jewish Museum with a talk from a Holocaust survivor or relative.

This is an enriching and valuable trip that will enable students to consider the dark history behind the social and racial policies of Hitler and gain further insight into the Nazi occupation of Poland. It is our hope that the students' knowledge will be deepened and that it will assist with their A Level studies.

The cost includes:

- All flights
- All transfers
- Half Board Accommodation
- Entry fees
- Tour Guide Travel Insurance
- NST 24 hour emergency contact service whilst on tour

Not included in the cost:

- Food/drinks for the journey
- Lunches
- Pocket money
- Money for local transportation (very minimal)

The trip cost will be £575.00 per student. We need to confirm our numbers early next month, therefore the deadline for this trip is **Friday 8th November**.

We are hoping to take 16 students and 2 members of staff. If you would like your daughter/son to go on this trip, then please **pay the deposit of £150 and fill in the online consent survey (link is in WisePay) by Friday 8th November 2019**. We will be unable to accept deposits after this date. Both payment and the online consent is required for your daughter/son to be considered for this trip.

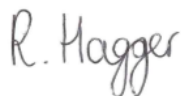
If the trip is oversubscribed, a ballot will be held to allocate places and a waiting list opened. If your daughter/son is successful in this ballot, you will then make 2 further payments of £150 at the end of November and at the end of December with the balance of £125 due end of January. If your daughter/son is not successful, your deposit will be returned to you. If your daughter/son has been allocated a place and subsequently withdraws, the deposit will be non-refundable to cover administration costs, and the remaining monies paid will only be refunded to you if we are able to replace her/him with someone from the waiting list, as the cost is based on a certain number of students going.

If you need a reminder of your WisePay login please e-mail n.hopkins@holt.wokingham.sch.uk. In the event of difficulties using this system, please telephone Mrs Simmons, the School Finance Manager. In case of severe financial hardship please contact Mrs Martin, Assistant Headteacher, who would be happy to discuss this further and put you in touch with agencies that may be able to help.

Please check and amend the data that we hold for your child using the SIMS Parent App. Please ensure this is always kept up to date.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely



Mrs R Hagger
History Teacher and Party Leader