

Friday 22 March 2023

### **History tour to Krakow, Easter 2025**

Dear Parent or Carer,

I am currently in the process of organising a three-day residential trip to Krakow in Poland, which will take place during the Easter break in 2025. The tour is provisionally booked for Saturday 12th April to Monday 14th April 2025, which is the start of the first week of the Easter holidays - although the final dates of the trip may change depending on flight availability.

The trip is predominantly a History tour, with a focus on the Holocaust. Our provisional itinerary includes a full day guided tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau, a visit to the Galicia Jewish Museum where we will meet a concentration camp survivor or relative of a camp survivor, a walking tour of the city, and a trip to the Wieliczka salt mine, which is a UNESCO world heritage site. The purpose of the trip is very much educational, and to this end we have also secured the services of a historical guide throughout the tour. There is no direct curriculum link to GCSE or A Level History, and this trip is designed for those with a general interest in History, rather than only being available for those who study the subject as an option in school.

Given the itinerary described, this trip is open to students who will be in Form 4 or above next year - so those in the current Form 3 to Lower Sixth. At this stage, I should be grateful if you would let me know if your child would like to be considered for a place.

In terms of the arrangements to secure a place on the trip for your child, please pay a deposit of £150 to the school, putting your child's name as the reference on the payment. This deposit is non-refundable. The deadline for applications to go on the trip is Friday 19th April 2024, and places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis if the trip is oversubscribed and we are unable to accommodate additional places. Payment of the deposit will be taken to also confirm your consent for your child to go on this trip.

Once the £150 non-refundable deposit has been paid, the remaining balance of the trip will be £640, payable in two instalments of £320 each, one on the Michaelmas fee note and one on the Lent fee note for 2024/25. If you decide at a later date to withdraw your child from the trip, then I am sorry to say that you will be liable for the amount already invoiced. In the event of a pupil being unable to go on the trip due to illness, injury or suchlike, our tour operator provides insurance cover and I will send details of the policy after places on the trip have been confirmed.

I hope that your child is excited about the opportunity to visit a site of such immense global historical significance, and that this trip will prove to enrich the education that pupils receive at Longridge. I will contact those who have been successful in getting a place on the trip next month, in order to provide further details and to progress the trip planning - but in the meantime please contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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