



PRESDALES SCHOOL

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Dear parent/carers,

GCSE History study visit to Berlin: 24th – 27th June 2020

To complement your daughter's GCSE History course, we are organising a 4-day study visit to Berlin in the summer term 2020. The trip is open to students who will be studying GCSE History in Year 10 in 2019-20.

The GCSE History course includes a unit on Weimar and Nazi Germany (1918-39), and a unit on the Cold War (1943-91). We plan to visit key sites in and around Berlin associated with these periods, including the Reichstag, the Brandenburg Gate, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, the Stasi Prison, Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie. While participation in this trip is not an essential part of the GCSE course, the experience of visiting these historically significant locations extends and enhances the students' understanding of the periods and events they are studying, by bringing to life the realities of everyday life, politics and persecution in this period.

Photographs and a write-up from previous trips can be found on the History department pages of the school website. This is always a highly popular and successful trip, and students and parents in the current Year 10 evaluated their trip very positively.

The 2020 trip will take place from **Wednesday 24th June to Saturday 27th June 2020**. The cost will be in the region of £650, depending on the number of students participating and the cost of flights. This includes a voluntary contribution for travel and tuition, and a charge for board and lodgings. If sufficient voluntary contributions are not forthcoming the trip may not go ahead. You should also be aware that the cost could increase as a result of changes to the exchange rate or other changes caused by the UK leaving the European Union, if this takes place before the trip. Please note that your daughter will require a valid passport (valid for at least 6 months beyond the dates of the trip) and EHIC card to participate in the trip.

If you would like your daughter to participate in this trip, please return the reply slip below and a deposit of £150 **as soon as possible, and not later than 9am on Monday 15th July**. Payment can be made by an online debit or credit card payment through the Wisepay payment portal, accessible through a link on the school website; by cheque made payable to Presdales School; or in cash. **Please return the attached slip, signed by yourself and your daughter, together with any cheques or cash, and a photocopy of the photo page of your daughter's passport and her EHIC card, to Mrs Eyre, in an envelope labelled with your daughter's name, form and "Berlin Trip 2020"**.

A deposit is required to secure your daughter's place on the trip; if, however, you have difficulty paying the full £150 deposit within this timeframe, please contact me by email (see below) and pay a smaller deposit at this stage. If you foresee circumstances which may affect your ability to pay the balance, please contact the Finance Office.



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If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated by lottery after the closing date, to students who have returned a deposit and their reply slip. Students who do not gain a place initially will be placed on a waiting list, and their deposits refunded.

I will contact you at the end of term to confirm your daughter's place on the trip, and a further instalment of £100 will be payable by the end of September. Further details and a request for the balance will follow later in the year. If you have any questions about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me by email.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs E Carr
Head of History
carre@presdales.herts.sch.uk

To: Mrs Eyre

I would like to request a place for my daughter _____, form _____, on the GCSE History Berlin trip, 24th-27th June 2020.

I enclose a deposit of £150 paid online/by cheque/in cash.*

*delete as applicable

I enclose a copy of my daughter's passport and EHIC card.

Permission to share personal information

I give permission for personal information about _____
[daughter's full name] to be shared with the travel company and airline.

Signed: _____

Date _____
Parent/carer

Signed: _____

Date _____
Student