

Dear Parent / Carer

Psychology Trip to Auschwitz, 7th February – 9th February 2020

The Psychology department are arranging an educational visit to Auschwitz, Poland on Friday 7th February 2020 returning Sunday 9th February 2020 with Year 12 Psychology students. The purpose of this trip is to support the students' learning of obedience within Social Psychology. This concerns obedience to authority and looking into the reasons why tragedies such as the Holocaust may have occurred. This understanding will form part of the Paper 1 exam where the students must understand whether situational factors can influence obedience. By visiting Auschwitz, the students will gain more insight into how influential the environment may have been to the Nazis.

Included in the cost of the trip will be:

- Flight to Krakow
- Airport Transfers to and from Krakow Airport
- Private Auschwitz & Birkenau Tour
- Private Schindler List Walking Tour
- Krakow Sightseeing walk
- Jewish or Polish evening
- Dinner at Pizza Hut
- Packed Lunch for Auschwitz Tour
- Accommodation with breakfast at Kazimierz Hotel

If you wish your son/daughter to participate in this memorable trip and in order to finance this valuable activity, we would ask that parents and/or carers make a voluntary contribution of **£350**. This will cover flights, accommodation, main meals, any activities and insurance, transport and equipment costs. In order to secure the flights and hotel booking, we will require an initial deposit payment of **£200** via Wisepay **by Thursday 26th September 2019**.

Unless sufficient contributions are forthcoming, the activity will not be able to take place and any contributions made will be refunded in full. As per our Charging Policy a student's participation in such an activity will be a matter of parental choice and on the basis of a willingness to meet any charges applicable. Thus such an agreement is a prerequisite to a student's inclusion.

Should the trip be cancelled at short notice, including poor weather and/or flight cancellations for any reason, then the students will remain in school on Friday 7th February 2020 and will attend their timetabled lessons as normal. We do not believe this is likely.

Once deposits have been paid, trip refunds are not possible because we calculate costs depending on the number of students/staff committed to attending. If a student does not take part in a trip on the day, for any unforeseen circumstances, then the cost of the trip is **NOT** refundable.

If a student withdraws or is withdrawn from a trip any deposit or fees paid that a tour operator deducts for cancellation will not be refunded under any circumstance. This includes the instance where the school decides to withdraw a child because of behavioural issues that may have emerged after the trip was booked. We as a school reserve the right to withdraw a child because of behavioural issues with any period of notice.

All payments for trips are now made using Wisepay. Please logon to your Wisepay account in the usual manner to make your payment. If you have any problems or need a reminder of your user name or password, please email admin@presdales.herts.sch.uk

As the number of participants is restricted for this trip, in the event that this trip is oversubscribed, the selection of students on the trip will be drawn from a hat and any Wisepay payments will be reimbursed for those who cannot attend. We do not operate a 'first come first served' selection as this can disadvantage a student who is off sick or absent for another reason. We do however reserve the right to use behaviour data to inform our decisions.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K Simmonds
Head of Sixth Form / Psychology Teacher