



20 November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: GCSE Trip to Berlin – November 2024

We are pleased to be able to offer an excursion to Berlin departing in November 2024. There are 50 places available on the trip and in the first instance we will be taking expressions of interest for this opportunity. The excursion will take place from Saturday 2 November 2024 to Tuesday 5 November 2024.

The approximate cost of the trip (as confirmed by European Study Tours) will be **£700** and this covers flights, accommodation, excursions, transfers, public transport, breakfast, dinner (not lunch), drinks at meal times and having the use of experienced local guides whilst in Berlin. The excursions that will be included in the trip are as follows:

- Entrance to the Stasi Prison/Hohenschonhausen Memorial Guided Tour with guide
- Entrance to the DDR Museum
- Coach excursion to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp
- Visit to the Reichstag with an audio tour
- Guided tour of the Topography of Terror
- Entrance to the Espionage Museum
- Four hour guided walking tour of Berlin

We recognise the expensive nature of the trip at a time when the cost of living is rising but are keen to be able to offer such experiences to our pupils. We intend to set up an instalment plan over the next eleven months which we hope will assist with budgeting.

Once places have been confirmed we will be in contact regarding a deposit for the trip. Please note that once you have been allocated a place you are entering into a contract with the tour operator based on your request for a place and you will be liable for any charges which are payable under that contract. You will therefore be required to pay the full cost of the trip even if you change your mind, or your son/daughter subsequently changes their mind about participating. We would of course make our best endeavours to mitigate the cost to you in these circumstances. There will be a parental meeting closer to the event to talk through the confirmed itinerary and other important issues.

Should you have any further questions about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via email h.perry@deerparkschool.net

Yours sincerely

Hannah Perry
Teacher of History

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Berlin Expression of Interest - Reply Slip
Please complete and return to the Humanities Office by Monday 27 November

Pupil Name: **Tutor Group:**

I/we would like to formally express our interest in our son/daughter taking part in the Berlin trip in November 2024.

Signed: **(Parent/Guardian signature)**