



24 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Study Visit to Berlin and Krakow - April 2026 OPEN TO ALL YEAR 9 & 10

The History Department are organising a trip to Berlin and Krakow for students who are currently in year 9 and 10. The purpose of the visit is both educational and cultural. This will be a very thought-provoking trip and students in the past have gained so much from the experience.

At GCSE (History), 20% of the course is made up of the unit *Living Under Nazi Rule 1933-1945*. As part of this, students study the attitudes and actions of the Nazis. During the trip, they will see how this affected people living in Berlin at the time. Students will also explore the effect the Nazis had on the countries that they invaded which is why we visit Poland too. The visit will take place during the Easter holiday - **7 – 11 April 2026**.

We will be staying 2 nights in a hostel in Berlin. The hostel offers excellent accommodation and food, and there is a wealth of interesting educational visits to be made in this area. We will be visiting a number of sites of historic, cultural and religious interest. For example, a visit to Sachsenhausen and the Wannsee Villa, the Reichstag, the Berlin Jewish Museum, the Topography of Terror, The German Resistance Memorial Museum, a guided walking tour of Berlin and an evening meal at (most likely) the Hard Rock Café. We travel overnight to Krakow on the third day of the trip. In Krakow there will be visits to Auschwitz-Birkenau, time to explore Krakow Old Town and Schindler's Factory Museum.

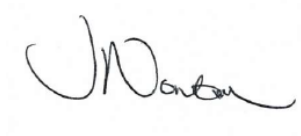
The total cost of the visit will be **£1373**. This will include transport to the airport, transport to Berlin via aeroplane (London/Krakow), overnight coach to Krakow, all accommodation, excursions, travel insurance and breakfast and lunch while we are there. Students may wish to have additional lunch money for their journey to Berlin and home from Krakow. A small amount of spending money may be brought along however each student will be responsible for any additional money they bring with them. All pupils require a valid **passport** and **Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC)**. If **visa** is required, it is the parents'/carers' responsibility to obtain it. Please ensure the passport is valid for six months after date of return.

If you would like your child to take part in this visit, please complete the slip below along with the EV5 form and return it to the Finance Office ASAP. A non-returnable deposit of **£250.00** will be required for securing a place on the trip when the payments open on MCAS system on **Friday 31 January**. If you would like your child to participate in this trip but are unable to provide a deposit before the above date, please contact me at JNorton@castle.bep.ac. Thereafter, you may pay in instalments, with the final balance due by 30 November 2025.

The maximum number of places on this trip is 40 so please get your reply slip in ASAP if you are interested in going.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information at this stage.

Yours sincerely



Miss J Norton
Teacher of History
The Castle School

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Student's name: _____ Form: _____

I would like my child to take part in the study visit to Berlin and Krakow.

Parent/Carer's signature: _____