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Dear Parents/Carers

History Trip to Berlin - 1st - 5th July 2019

I am writing to inform you of a trip the History department would like to run for the Year 10 students who are studying GCSE History. The cost of the trip will be £408 per student which would include full-board accommodation, all entrance fees, travel and full insurance. Please note that this cost might fluctuate depending on specific visits we are able to book successfully and you will be notified nearer the time. The only additional costs will be for food on the journey (which can be packed in advance), some spending money should your child want any souvenirs, and to obtain their own passport if they do not already have one.

Since the start of Year 10, students have been studying the history of Germany between 1890 and 1945. This topic will expand into the Cold War topic between 1945 and 1972. Therefore, Berlin is a fundamental location for students to enrich their learning on the two GCSE topics as specific tours and locations they will visit will enhance their understanding of the knowledge they have attained in lessons. Berlin was the heart of the Third Reich but it was also divided during the Cold War between the two ideologies, which makes it the perfect place to visit.

We intend to travel by coach from The Ongar Academy to Berlin on Monday 1st July and return Friday 5th July. During the visit we will explore a range of sights and locations that will be confirmed nearer the time. An in-depth itinerary will be provided to you once payment is received.

If you would like your child to attend this trip, please pay the deposit of £80 via WisePay. The **deadline for the deposit is Friday 9th November 2018**. The deposit is essential in order to book the tours for the trip. The places will be secured on a first-come-first-serve basis, however, officially securing the position will also be linked with your child's behaviour and attitude in their learning, not just in History, but across the school up until the end of June. This is to ensure that their safety, as well as the rest of the group going on the trip, is absolutely secure throughout the whole time we are travelling and visiting Berlin.

For your child to participate on the visit to Berlin they will need to have a passport valid 3 months after the **return date** and European Health Insurance Card. EHICs are free and to apply for one, go to www.ehic.org.uk or alternatively you can call on 0300 330 1350.

Yours sincerely

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