



CHARLTON SCHOOL

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Principal: Mr A McNaughton



January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 11 History residential trip to Berlin, Thursday October 19th -Sunday October 22nd, 2023

The History Department is planning an educational visit to Berlin, in preparation for your child's future History GCSE topics on the Cold War and Germany 1918-1939. The date of the three-night residential visit is **Thursday 19th to Sunday 22nd October 2023**. The total cost for the visit will be **£720**, including air passenger duty. This includes all excursions, transfers via airplane (depart from Manchester airport), accommodation with breakfast and evening meals each night at a local restaurant. Alongside three Charlton staff members, the price **includes a professional tour guide for the whole trip**, who will help to inspire your child with expert knowledge and guidance of the surrounding areas. This is in partnership with **Anglia Tours**.

This trip is open to your child, on a first come first serve basis, so if you are late with a payment, or fail to pay on time, then this could limit your child's chances of being part of this visit. The trip also includes visit to the Brandenburg Gate; visit to the Reichstag; a river boat tour along the river Spree; Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp guided tour; Berlin Wall Memorial guided tour and visit to Hertha Berlin's Olympic Stadium- home to the 1936 Olympic Games.

Recent court action against teachers acting in good faith acting as the 'responsible parent' on a school trip has necessitated a review of our policy on what is a sensible response to bad behaviour or disobedience. The key points to follow are:

- We will operate a zero-tolerance policy on any act, which could result in danger to that person or to others.
- We operate a zero-tolerance policy on behaviour deemed unacceptable.
- In either event the pupil concerned will be sent home at short notice entirely at the parent/guardian's expense.
- Parents, trusted friends, or relatives must be available to collect the returned pupil at any time. Contact numbers must be provided for that purpose.

In order to reserve a place for your child on this trip, please enclose a deposit payment of **£120** with the reply slip by **Friday 20th of January**. The next instalment of **£80** will be due on **Friday 3rd of March**. A further instalment of **£150 will be due on Friday 28th of April as well as Friday 2nd of June**. The **final balance of £220 is due by July 17th 2023**. Should this trip not take place, then the payment will be returned. If your child does return the deposit, could they also complete both the yellow medical consent form and the Equity form that asks for current passport details, to confirm with the tour provider. If your child has not got an up-to-date passport, then they cannot go on the visit to Berlin.

Yours faithfully,
Mr T. Best
History Teacher
History Department

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Please reserve (name)..... In form..... a place on the History trip to Berlin.

I enclose the payment of (cheque payable to Charlton School), which I understand will be refundable, should the trip be cancelled through lack of numbers or any other circumstance. Or, I will be using Parent Pay for this trip.

Signed..... Date.....

Should your child demonstrate unacceptable behaviour in school at any time we reserve the right to withdraw their participation in the trip without refund, if we are unable to find a replacement.

Please return this slip, medical consent form and any payments to the Finance Office in School.