



December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 13 Berlin trip

Many thanks for paying the deposit for the Year 13 History trip to Berlin, we are delighted that your son/daughter is taking part. We look forward to sharing this opportunity to visit Berlin to support students in their non-examined assessment on the Holocaust.

In an effort to keep the costs of this trip affordable for parents, we have researched a number of options in terms of flights and accommodation combinations, and after much consideration we have decided to reduce the trip by one day. The revised dates will therefore be **Monday 19 (inset day) – Wednesday 21 February 2024**. Due to the dates that EasyJet fly from Bristol airport being so restrictive, the group will be travelling by coach to Gatwick, as per last year's travel plans.

The final cost of the trip has been calculated at **£480**. The following instalments will be added to your ParentPay account with a payment plan set to help the school meet flight payment deadlines.

Monday 6 November 2023	£205	NON-REFUNDABLE Deposit [PAID]
Monday 11 December 2023	£95	First Instalment
Monday 8 January 2024	£90	Second Instalment
Monday 5 February 2024	£90	Final Instalment

### Next steps:

- Please could the following Essential Student Information form be filled in by Monday 4 December: <https://forms.office.com/e/ipbmYQwMyh>
- Copies of the students' passport and Global Health Insurance card (GHIC) card to be sent to Student Services at by Monday 4 December: [studentservices@backwellschool.net](mailto:studentservices@backwellschool.net)

Please note that passports must be valid for at least 3 months from the date of return so please check the date of renewal on your son/daughter's passport. Please take a moment to also check the government guidance for travel to Germany: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/germany/entry-requirements>

If your son/daughter does not yet have a Global Health Insurance card in order to travel, these are free and available online: <https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card>. If you have a current EHIC card these are valid until the date of expiry.

There will be an information evening for parents and students on Tuesday 30 January at 6pm in the Sixth Form block (SF2) to outline the itinerary and other key information for the trip.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Mason