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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 13 Trip to Berlin: Sunday 28 February to Wednesday 3 March 2027

We are delighted to be running a Year 13 History trip to Berlin. The trip has run for many years for A Level History students to gain a greater insight into the Holocaust, which they will be studying for their non-examined assessment (coursework).

As in previous years, the itinerary is likely to include visits to Sachsenhausen concentration camp, the villa where the Wannsee Conference was held, the memorial to the murdered Jews of Europe and the Jewish Museum. In addition, there will be opportunities to see famous sites of historical interest in the city including sections of the Berlin Wall, the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag building. Finally, while at the Topography of Terror, students will undertake a workshop led by university staff.

Our plan is to fly with EasyJet from Bristol to Berlin and stay for 3 nights in an international hostel in the centre of Berlin. The price includes flights and accommodation with breakfast, packed lunch and an evening meal, and the cost of public transport to the places we will visit.

If you would like NAME to have a place on this trip, we require a non-refundable deposit of £280 by Saturday 31 October 2026 and a second non-refundable deposit of £100 by 30 November 2026. The initial deposit is needed to secure the flight booking. Unfortunately, we have had to pay the full amount for the flights in one go, which is why there are heavier instalments at the beginning of the payment plan and so apologies for this.

We expect the total cost to be approximately £680 per student (including the deposit). This cost is accurate at the time of this letter being sent but this may change depending on the flight fees at the time of booking and the number of students taking part. Any amendments will be updated to you. This will be payable by instalments between now and February. The instalment due dates are noted below:

Date	Total amount = £680
31-Oct-26	£280.00 non-refundable deposit
30-Nov-26	£100.00 non-refundable deposit
31-Dec-26	£100.00 instalment
31-Jan-27	£100.00 instalment
21-Feb-27	£100.00 instalment

Once the flights are booked, I will be in contact to confirm this information. Please make the deposit payment via www.parentpay.com which is our online cashless system. If you have any queries regarding ParentPay, please contact the Finance Team at finance@backwellschool.net. If you would like to discuss financial assistance for this trip or your student is eligible for the 16-19 Bursary Fund, please contact the finance team as soon as possible.

At this time, we do not need passport details, but your student must have a valid passport in order to go on this trip. Passports must be valid for at least 3 months from the date of return so please check the date of renewal on your student's passport. Your student will also need a European or Global Health Insurance card in order to travel. These are free and available online from www.gov.uk . If your student has a current EHIC card these are valid until the date of expiry. Please ensure that you follow any national travel guidelines in the lead-up to the trip, including any visa requirements that may apply. Entry requirements information can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/germany

If you require any further information regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school, via email to cbutler@backwellschool.net

Yours sincerely,

Ms Charlotte Butler