

# West Hatch High School

# A Specialist Business and Enterprise School

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Dear Parent and Carers

## Year 10 History Trip to Berlin – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023

I am delighted to announce that the School is proposing a school tour to Berlin to support our curriculum plans for History pupils and enhance learning experiences within the school.

The trip will take place from Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 for a period of five days. This will mean students are out of school for the last two days of the half term and will return on the first Monday of May half term.

The trip is being run as a GCSE History enrichment trip where the students will visit some of Berlin's most famous cultural and historical sites of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

There are only 45 places available for this trip and they will be allocated following a draw once we have received all responses from parents. The trip is open to pupils currently in Year 9 who have chosen GCSE History. Once selected, students' behaviour and attendance will be monitored and if this falls below the school's expectations, unfortunately they will lose their place on the trip.

#### Here are the key details about the planned trip:

- The provisional cost is £825.00 per pupil

#### This price includes:

- Return executive coach travel
- Return flights
- A full itinerary including a tour of Sachsenhausen Memorial Camp, the Olympic Stadium, the Berlin Wall Memorial, House of Wannsee tour, a meeting with an ex-political prisoner

### Accommodation:

Citylight Hotel – Breakfast and dinner included. Please note that unfortunately the hotel cannot cater to all dietary requirements. They do not offer specific gluten free or halal options for meals but do have vegetarian options available.

In addition to the tour cost, we recommend that your child has approximately £100 for the trip to cover daily travel, lunch and snacks. Students will need to have a passport with at least six months validity left so it must be valid until at least 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

















If your child is interested in this trip, please complete the Microsoft form using the link below. The form will be open for entries until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 at 4pm. We will be drawing names out of the hat the following week so will let all successful and unsuccessful applicants know by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September. <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/YGbaYyjwGu">https://forms.office.com/r/YGbaYyjwGu</a>
If your child is selected, to secure their place a <a href="non-refundable deposit of £125">non-refundable deposit of £125</a> is required by 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022. This will be added to your ParentPay account where you will also be able to pay for the rest of the trip either in full or via the payment plan as follows:

Payment schedule  $2-26^{th}$  October £150 Payment schedule  $3-26^{th}$  November £150 Payment schedule  $4-31^{st}$  December £125 Payment schedule  $5-26^{th}$  January £125 Payment schedule  $6-26^{th}$  February £150

Please note that once you have committed your child to the trip, if for any reason they need to withdraw (including poor behaviour) we will not be able to refund the money that has already been paid.

We envisage this being a popular trip and as such will have a reserve list which, if unsuccessful in securing one of the 45 places, your child will be automatically added to.

The trip is being booked through NST Travel, the UK's leading educational travel company for schools with more than 50 years' experience. They work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the very best learning experience whilst away.

If you have any questions please feel free to email either one of us.

Kind regards

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