27 September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

**GCSE History and German Study Trip to Berlin July 2020**

We are writing to you with news of a very exciting opportunity that the History and Modern Foreign Languages Departments are able to offer your son/daughter. The History GCSE Curriculum includes the study of Weimar and Nazi Germany (1918-39) and as such we are offering a study trip to Berlin in July 2020 to visit sites relating to both life in Weimar and Nazi Germany and the rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party. For students of German, this trip provides a great opportunity to practise and improve their language skills, as well as to experience German culture at first hand. If your son/daughter came to Berlin in Year 8, this trip offers a variety of different locations and experiences which will only broaden their understanding of Germany and its fascinating capital.

We will depart on **Monday 13 July 2020 and return on Thursday 16 July 2020**. The cost of the trip will be approximately **£520**. The trip is being booked through STA travel, a leading educational travel company which has a wealth of experience in organising successful educational visits. They work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your son/daughter will get the very best learning experience.

The cost of the trip will include return flights from London Luton to Berlin Tegel, accommodation on a full board basis at the Generator Berlin Hostel, coach transfers to and from Luton and transport tickets for the duration of the visit.

Once in Berlin, the activities will be tailored to suit the students’ needs depending on whether they study German, in addition to History. For History and German students, the cost of the trip will include a walking tour of the significant historic sites of Berlin (including the Reichstag building and the Berlin Wall), guided tours of Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, a guided tour of a Stasi prison and memorial, an ascent of the TV Tower in Alexanderplatz, a visit to the Topography of Terror and an evening of bowling. For those studying History, they will also visit the Olympic Stadium built by the Nazis in 1936 and the Berlin Underground Exhibition (Berliner Unterwelten). Whilst the History students are on these visits, German students will be participating in interactive language-based activities. There will be some free time for sight-seeing and shopping.
If you wish to secure a place for your son/daughter on this trip, please inform us via Group Call or by returning the reply slip to Miss Rice or Mr Elman by the end of the School day **Monday 7 October 2019**. In line with School policy, 50 names will be randomly selected. We will then inform you shortly after whether your son/daughter has secured a place on the trip. At this point we will inform you of a payment schedule and ask for a deposit of **£200** to confirm your place (this amount due to airline requirements). If anyone should drop out, we will have a reserve list that will also be randomly selected.

Should you have any queries regarding the trip please do not hesitate to contact the school. Alternatively, you can email me at trice@rickmansworth.herts.sch.uk or relman@rickmansworth.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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To: Miss T Rice  
Re: GCSE History and German Study Trip to Berlin July 2020

Student Name ..............................................................................................................

Form & Teaching Group .............................................................................................

☐ Having read and understood the details of the visit as set out in the letter of 27 September 2019, I wish my son/daughter to participate in the trip to **GCSE History and German Study Trip to Berlin July 2020**.

☐ I confirm that if my son/daughter is offered a space on this trip, payment will be made by the deadline as outline in this letter.

Parent Signature ...........................................................................................................