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Dear Parent / Carer

Berlin Visit 2024 – Year 8

As part of your child's historical study in GCSE we look at the Cold War; the events that took place and the impact this had on people during this time. In order to increase their knowledge and interest in this topic the History Department is organising a visit for 30 students to participate in a three-day visit to Berlin from **Thursday 10 October 2024 to Saturday 12 October 2024**. This visit will enable your child to see symbolic and significant places we have discussed in lessons.

Departure is approximate at the moment as we are not able to book the flights this far in advance however the trip will be taking place outside of normal school hours. Students will travel by coach to Gatwick and then fly to Berlin. The visit will take place across **three** days and will cost a **minimum of £715**. The cost of this trip is dependent on if we fulfil the quota of students to take and flights (we are not able to get confirmed prices of flights this far in advance). This cost includes coach travel to and from Gatwick airport, flights from Gatwick Airport to Berlin Brandenburg Airport and coach travel whilst in Berlin. It also includes various visits (German History Museum, Stasi Prison, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, Cecilienhof, Gliencke Bridge, Allied Museum, Berlin Wall Documentation Centre, Treptow Park Soviet Memorial, Eastside Gallery and Checkpoint Charlie). Accommodation and meals are also included in this price. The accommodation will be a Berlin full board hostel accommodation with multi bedded rooms for students. Students are expected to wear weather-appropriate non-school uniform and they will be allowed to bring with them a bag/suitcase that is a maximum of 15kg in weight as checked in luggage. To travel your child will need an up-to-date passport.

If you wish for your child to be considered for this visit, please submit a **£250.00** deposit to the Finance Office using our online payment system ScoPay by Friday 8 September 2023. If more students apply than places, we will randomly selected students. Please note that once the school has made a formal deposit to the travel company, Anglia Tours, the deposit will be non-refundable. If more than the maximum number of students apply for the trip, a reserve list will operate.

Names of students applying to attend the visit will be circulated to all members of staff. Staff will be invited to feedback regarding behaviour in school; we reserve the right not to take a student on the trip if behaviour in school, or on a previous trip, has not been satisfactory. The initial acceptance of a student place is conditional.

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As I am sure you can appreciate, the safety and behaviour of the students is our priority. For this visit to be a successful, safe and memorable trip, the school does insist that parents/carers and students sign a code of conduct. This will enable students understand our expectations to ensure the safety of the whole party. A code of conduct will be issued during the parent/carer briefing nearer the time to departure.

If you wish to discuss this opportunity further, please contact Mrs L. Griffiths via general@thehambleschool.co.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Griffiths', written in a cursive style.

Mrs L. Griffiths
History Teacher

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.