



6th February 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Poland Trip to Kraków and Auschwitz - Wednesday 24th to Sunday 28th October 2018 (Half Term)

The Religious Studies Department is again organising an educational visit to Kraków, Poland for the current Year 9 students. One of the main reasons for visiting Kraków is to visit Oświęcim, better known by its German name of Auschwitz. This town is the site of the massive concentration camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau and a visit here leaves a long-lasting impression.

The trip itself will include a full day visit and guided tour of both Auschwitz and the death camp of Birkenau. We will also be exploring Kraków including visiting Kazimierz Jewish quarter most famously remembered due to the work of Oscar Schindler and featured in the Steven Spielberg film, Schindler's List. Whilst in the Jewish quarter we will also have the opportunity to meet a Holocaust survivor something that our students from previous trips have gained an awful lot from. Other excursions include a visit to the Wieliczka salt mine, where you descend 150 metres into a salty wonderland of statues, ballrooms and chapels, all sculpted from salt by the miners.

The trip will be a five day, four night stay in the centre of Kraków and will involve other activities to give the trip a balance and ensure pupils get the very most from their time in Poland. The trip will take place between Wednesday 24th and Sunday 28th October 2018 during the October half term holiday. The cost of this educational visit will be in the region of £695, the majority of which covers flights, and also includes transport in Poland, insurance, entrance to Auschwitz (and other trips), specialist guides/speakers and half board accommodation.

Students' places are limited to a maximum of 44 and I am anticipating demand to be extremely high. If demand does exceed places then all names will be put in a draw for fairness. As always pupils are expected to display the highest standards of behaviour as set out in our school code of conduct. As a result Pastoral staff will be consulted as to each students' suitability for this trip. Your child must also hold, or be in the process of obtaining, a valid passport for travel to Poland.

All students seriously wishing to be considered to join the Religious Studies trip to Poland in October should complete the attached slip and return, marked for my attention, to the Lower School Office before the end of the day on Friday 9th February. If you are successful in receiving a place you will be notified by Monday 12th February. We will then require a non-refundable deposit of £200 by Wednesday 14th February 2018 in order to secure the place.

Yours faithfully

P Griffiths

Mrs Pamela Griffiths
Head of Religious Studies

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(Please return to the Lower School Office marked for the attention of Mrs P Griffiths by 09/02/2018)

I would like my son/daughter (name) _____ of 9 _____ to be considered for a place on the Kraków trip.

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date _____



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