



26th April 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Religious Studies Poland Trip to Kraków and Auschwitz
Wednesday 30th October to Sunday 3rd November 2019 (Half Term)**

Over the Easter holidays the flights were released for our trip and I am pleased to say that everything is now booked.

Flight Details

Ryanair

Flying from: Liverpool Airport **Flying to:** Kraków Airport / Manchester Airport

	Date	From	To	Check-in	Departs	Arrives
OUTBOUND	30/10/2019	LPL	KRK	15:35	17:35	21:05
RETURN	03/11/2019	KRK	MAN	15:30	17:30	19:20

IMPORTANT - Please note that we have had no alternative but to secure flights from different airports to fit with our dates of travel. This means that while we are flying from Liverpool we return into Manchester.

I would ask that all students meet at **Liverpool** Airport at **15:15** in order for us to have gathered together in time for check-in. I shall be there slightly before this time to meet and greet.

Accommodation

We will be staying in the 3* Vienna House Easy Cracow Hotel. It is an excellent hotel with great facilities and I have stayed in this hotel on a number of previous trips when it was known as the Hotel Chopin. It is short walk out of the city centre but very handy for trams to take us to the Jewish quarter.

Students will be in multi bedded rooms and as soon as I have rooming information I will meet with students to sort out room sharing arrangements.

Payment

Now that the accommodation and flights are booked I can confirm that the cost of the trip will be exactly as given in my initial letter, which was **£700**.

Thank you to all the people who have continued to make payments as per the payment schedule. By this point we should have received £500 with the balance to pay by the end of next month.

As I need to pay the final invoice at least 10 weeks before the trip it is essential that all monies be received by the deadline of **Friday 31st May 2019** in order that I can be in good time to pay our final invoice. Payment can either be made online or by dropping a cheque into our Finance Department (all cheques should be made payable to 'Bridgewater High School').

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Preparation for visit

In order to prepare students for the trip the BBC documentary film - Auschwitz: The Nazis & The Final Solution is currently available on Netflix. This film is the definitive screen history of the evolution of Auschwitz, how it fitted into the Nazi's plan for the conquest of the East and how scarcely a country in Europe was untouched by its existence. Each episode lasts approximately 45 minutes.

In addition, if you feel it is appropriate the film Schindler's List is good to watch as this was filmed in the Jewish quarter in Kraków where the students will spend some time exploring.

If you were looking for something to read, rather than watch I cannot recommend highly enough the book Night by Elie Wiesel who as a child was sent to the Nazi concentration camps at Auschwitz and later Buchenwald.

What happens next?

All being well I will contact you again in September with the date for a meeting for parents and students in the Hall at Upper School. This meeting normally takes place approximately two weeks before we travel.

At this meeting I will answer any questions you may have and also give out an information booklet about the trip which includes flight details, itinerary, advice on what to bring including clothes and money and a copy of the risk assessments.

At this meeting I will also be collecting in all Passports and EHIC cards and therefore it is imperative that these are brought to this evening.

Please keep this letter in a safe place in case you need to refer to the information contained in it again. I have arranged for this to be available on the Bridgewater App as well.

If you have any questions or queries or simply need to get in touch with me please feel free to email me at p.griffiths@bridgewaterhigh.com and I will get back to you as quickly as I can.

Yours faithfully

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