



23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents/Carer

### **Year 10 and 11 Holocaust Education / Citizenship Trip to Krakow, Poland (24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020)**

As part of the Holocaust Education and Citizenship programmes and in collaboration with the Humanities Faculty, we are running a residential trip to Krakow, Poland from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (after school) to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020 for our current Year 10 and 11 students who want to further enrich their experience of the world in which we live. This unique experience has deliberately been scheduled immediately after the end of the GCSE examination period to enable both Year 10 and Year 11 students to participate.

This visit will allow students to develop their knowledge and understanding of Jewish history. The evidence of the wartime experience of Europe's Jewish population in ghettos such as Podgorze, coupled with a visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau, will enable students to develop a clear understanding of the experience of Jewish communities and discrimination in central Europe during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Whilst this trip will be focusing upon one of the most harrowing events in European history, it is also a thought-provoking trip which will have a lasting impact on students well into the future. There are various workshops over the course of the trip, including debriefs and two pre-trip seminars.

The cost of the excursion is estimated at **£495**, depending on the cost of flights (which cannot be confirmed at this stage) and the number of students participating. This estimated cost includes four nights' half-board hotel accommodation, all flight and coach costs, all excursions throughout the trip and comprehensive travel insurance. It does not include pocket money or the cost of a passport, which students will require. For this particular trip the school may be able to provide a significant subsidy to students who are currently in receipt of free school meals. If applicable, please contact Mr Lillington at school as soon as possible to discuss.

The school party insurance is comprehensive and covers personal accident, medical treatment, loss or damage to personal effects, cancellation due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances and other standard risks. A copy of the policy will be available at a later date to parents of students participating in the trip.

Those students interested in taking part in this exciting venture should bring a **£100 deposit** with the completed reply slip below, **plus** the completed reply slip from the attached form, to the Finance Office by **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019**. Cheques should be made payable to Prince Henry's Grammar School, with the student's name and form written on the reverse. If this short deadline poses particular problems, please call me on the above number immediately. Further instalments are then required as follows:

25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	£70.00
25 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	£70.00
20 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	£70.00
20 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	£70.00
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	£70.00
20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	approx £40.00 - £60.00 (depending upon final costs)

**After the initial deposit has been paid, we would strongly encourage you to use the new online payment system for subsequent monthly instalments.** Please contact the Finance Office if you need assistance with this.

It is anticipated that demand for this trip may exceed the number of places available. If the trip is over-subscribed, names will be “drawn out of a hat”, so receipt of a deposit does not guarantee a place. Students will be informed by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 whether they have a place on the trip, and deposits will be returned where appropriate.

In fairness to all students, may I stress that should your son/daughter take up a place on the trip, this will be taken as a **firm commitment**. In the event of a student withdrawing from the excursion, a refund of monies already paid can normally only be given if cancellation is covered by the terms of the insurance.

For the booking of the flights, I also need the **student’s full name below, as it appears on their passport**, as well as their date of birth.

There will of course, be a meeting for all parents and students concerned before the trip departs. In the meantime, if you have any immediate questions regarding the visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Miss B Buxton Collins  
Teacher of Religious Studies  
Trip Leader

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**To be returned to the Finance Office by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019  
together with the reply slip from the attached form and a deposit of £100.**

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Student name **as it appears on passport:** \_\_\_\_\_

Form group (including Year Group): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_