

June 2016

Dear Parent / Guardian

Religious Education Trip to Krakow/Auschwitz, Poland 20th-24th February 2017

The RE department are delighted to be able to offer our Year 10 students the opportunity to visit Krakow and Auschwitz – Birkenau Poland on 20th - 24th February 2017. Although the visit is not essential to the GCSE course, it will support your son/ daughter with understanding prejudice and discrimination and the history of the Holocaust which compliments and enhances RE Judaism / History GCSE courses.

The trip will leave on Monday 20th February 2017, returning on Friday 24th February 2017.

The five day, four nights trip will be based at the Batory guest rooms in Krakow. Krakow is a large city, with many cultural sights on offer. The hotel is located near the centre of Krakow, students will have the opportunity to see the sights of Krakow, including Oscar Schindler's factory, the Jewish quarter, meeting with a relative of a Holocaust survivor and a visit to what was the Jewish ghetto. A day is spent at Auschwitz-Birkenau, where a professional guide will take our students around the camp to reflect on the treatment of prisoners. On the fourth day Students also experience a Kosher meal and the Wieliczka Salt Mine.

Travel will be by air from Bristol to Krakow followed by a coach transfer to the hotel. The total cost of the trip will be around **£690 (to be confirmed) and (payable in instalments).**

The cost will include the following:-

- Return air flights and coach travel transfers
- Four nights half board accommodation (*breakfast and evening meal*)
- Student hooded sweatshirt
- Entrance fee to museums including Auschwitz and Wieliczka Salt mines.
- All evening activities: Bowling, McDonalds
- Full insurance cover
- Services of fully trained guide

Not included:

- Meals on route
- Pocket money

If you would like your child to attend we ask that you return a note of interest to the Main Office by **Friday 1st July 2016.**

Please note: If the trip is over-subscribed we will allocate places on a 'names out of a hat' basis. As with all Academy trips students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy therefore exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the *Visit*. This is likely to be a popular trip, if it is oversubscribed consideration will be given to the following factors:-

Contribution to extra-curricular activities
Good behaviour record
Attendance

Students are also expected to demonstrate excellent behaviour in the Academy. Failure to do this could result in them losing their place if they do not demonstrate good behaviour in the lead up to the trip.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Louise Jory
Subject Leader for Religious Education

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

The Kings of Wessex Academy, Cheddar

RE Tour to Poland Feb 20th - 24th 2017

As parent/guardian of _____ Tutor Group _____

I have read, fully understood and I am satisfied with the details supplied about the above mentioned activity. I would like to express interest in and provisionally reserving a place on this residential educational activity. This states an interest and intention to participate in this activity, although does not guarantee a place. This is often an oversubscribed activity and may result in names being drawn out of a hat.

I agree to my son/daughter stating an interest in this activity.

Signed _____ Date _____