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Dear Parents,

Mrs. Stedman (Head of RE) and I have organised a history and RE trip to Berlin for October 2025. The UGS party will fly from Manchester to Berlin on Wednesday October 22nd and return on Saturday October 25th – the first Saturday of half term. Flight times will be confirmed nearer the time. The history focus of the trip will be Nazi Germany and Cold War (two key modules in the GCSE history course) and the RE focus will be ‘Religion, Peace and Conflict.’ (a key unit from Paper 2).

The itinerary is still in the planning phase but we aim to take the students to the Reichstag, the Topography of Terror Museum, the Wannsee Conference Museum, the Checkpoint Charlie Museum, the Holocaust Memorial, the Stasi Prison, the TV Tower, the Jewish Museum and the Museum of the German Resistance. If we have time, we would also like to take the students to Potsdam and for a boat ride on the Wannsee. It will be an action packed 3-4 days of sight-seeing but, students will also be expected to carry out some history and RE fieldwork and research at the various sites to enrich their classroom studies.

The cost of the trip will be £789 and includes:

- Return flights including all taxes and hold Baggage.
- 3 nights’ bed and breakfast hostel accommodation.
- An evening meal on day 1.
- A packed lunch and evening meal on day 2.
- A packed lunch and evening meal on day 3.
- A packed lunch on day 4.
- The use of a public transport tickets to cover agreed transfers and visits.
- Visits and any entrance fees to the museums and sites.
- Evening activities
- Two Anglia tour guides.
- Insurance
- ATOL Protection (ATOL Number 6512)
- 24-hour emergency response cover whilst on tour.

The trip is only open to current year 10 students who are studying both GCSE History and GCSE RE. Places on the trip are limited and not coming on the trip will certainly not, in any way, prejudice your son/daughter’s chances of achieving success in GCSE RE or History. If you would like your son/daughter to come on the Berlin trip please make an initial payment of £125 on parent pay by Friday September 20th. A second deposit of £125 will be due by October 11th and a further £70 by November 15th. The rest of the balance can be paid in instalments but the final balance is due by the end of this academic year – July 2025. This trip will go live on parent pay at the end of the day on Friday September 6th. If the trip does become full before you make your payment please do drop me an e mail and I will start a waiting list and also try to secure a few more places from the Anglia Tours.

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Yours Sincerely

Matthew McPartland (Head of Humanities) and Helen Stedman (Head of RE)

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