



## Urmston Grammar School

November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers.

Mrs. Stedman (Head of RE) and I have organised a history and RE trip to Berlin for December 2026. The UGS party will fly from Manchester to Berlin on Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup> and return on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> – this is the last week of 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 are aiming to take the students to the Reichstag, the Topography of Terror Museum, Checkpoint Charlie, the Holocaust Memorial, the Stasi Prison, the TV Tower, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, the DDR museum and the Museum of the German Resistance. There will also be an opportunity to visit the Berlin Christmas Markets. The trip is open to students currently in year 10 who study history and students in year 12 who study RE.

The cost of the trip has not been fully finalised as flights have not yet been released but it will be between £825 and £880 and includes:

- Return flights from Manchester to Berlin including all taxes and a 10kg cabin bag.
- 3 nights’ accommodation.
- Breakfast and an evening meal on day 2.
- Breakfast, an evening meal and a packed lunch on day 3.
- Breakfast on day 4
- The use of a public transport tickets to cover transfers and visits.
- Coach transfer to Sachsenhausen Concentration camp
- Visits and any entrance fees to the museums and sites.
- Two Anglia tour guides.
- Insurance
- ATOL Protection (ATOL Number 6512)
- 24-hour emergency response cover whilst on tour.
- Parentpay charges at 2.5%

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 RE or History. If you would like your son/daughter to come on the Berlin trip please make an initial payment of £150 (non-refundable deposit) on ParentPay by Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>. A second deposit of £150 will be due by November 28<sup>th</sup> and a further £50 deposit by December 12<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the balance can be paid in instalments, but the final balance is due by the end of October 2026. I do apologise that these payment dates are very tight but the hold option we have been given on a good hotel in central Berlin expires next week. When you sign up for the trip through ParentPay you will be asked for your son/daughter’s passport details amongst other things. We do need these fairly urgently to secure the flights when they come out.

This trip will go live on parent pay at the end of the day on Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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Yours Sincerely

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