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Dear Parent/Carer

A Level History trip to Krakow 9th- 11th October 2019

The History Department would like to take our A Level students on an educational tour of Krakow. Students will visit numerous places of historical importance relating to the coursework element of their A Level, which is worth 20% of their final grade. The visit aims to enhance students' understanding of the events of the Holocaust that took place between 1933-1945, as well as giving them a greater understanding of the impact that Nazi occupation and the Second World War had on Poland. Both of these elements are key topics in the A Level Coursework Unit, although I wish to make it clear that no student will be at an educational disadvantage should they not attend the trip.

The provisional itinerary is:

- Day 1:** Flight from London Gatwick to Krakow, guided walking tour of the Jewish Quarter and old ghetto site. Visit to Central Square
- Day 2:** Excursion to Auschwitz-Birkenau including with a tour guide, visit to Oscar Schindler's factory
- Day 3:** Visit to the Galicia Jewish Museum, meeting with a Holocaust survivor, Wawel Castle and return flight to London Gatwick.

Included in the cost of the trip are flights, coach and metro travel around Krakow, excursion fees, accommodation, breakfast and evening meals. The cost also includes funds for insurance. Students will need to bring additional spending money for lunches, which will be discussed nearer the time of the trip at an information evening in September 2019. The total cost of the trip stands at £400.

If you would like your child to attend this trip, please use the online system to pay a non-refundable deposit of £100 and send in a photocopy of your child's passport, clearly labelled with their name and form to Student Services. The closing date is Friday 15th February. Please contact the Finance Office should you require any further information. I do appreciate that the turnaround of this is quick, but this is because our travel company are holding hostel and flight reservations for us and we need to confirm these as soon as possible.

The History Department reserves the right to refuse a place on the trip to a student whose behaviour is a cause for concern. Please be aware that in the event of your child being removed from the trip due to poor behaviour, we will not be able to refund the cost of the trip. I must also remind students that their sensible behaviour on the trip is crucial. Once you have paid the deposit you are committed, but of course in exceptional circumstances please contact the school. The balance of payment is due in July 2019. Student Services can provide further details regarding this.

All students will need to have a passport valid for at least six months from the departure date and a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), which may be obtained free of charge online. Please may I ask you to check that your child's passport is well within date and renew it as soon as is possible if this is not the case. I must make it clear that this is not a compulsory trip and the school cannot pay for any student from voluntary contributions.

Please note that as flights have not yet been finalised, the total price of the trip may increase by a small amount, but this is unlikely. I will, of course, keep you informed of any changes. If you have any queries about this trip, please contact me via the school Parent Mail system.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'L Williams'.

Mrs L Williams
Head of History