



# Woodrush High School

An Academy for Students Aged 11-18

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Our Ref: SLH/KMC

8<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Humanities Faculty is planning a trip to Berlin, from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025, for current Year 10 History students. This will be an excellent opportunity for students to reinforce and build upon their understanding of Nazi Germany, in line with their GCSE syllabus.

The visit will include:

- A guided walking tour of Berlin's main sights
- Guided visit to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp
- A visit to the German Resistance to National Socialism exhibition
- A guided visit to the Memorial for the Murdered Jews of Europe
- A guided visit to the 1936 Olympic Stadium
- A guided visit to the Bundestag Dome (subject to availability)
- Other sites of cultural and historical significance such as the Berlin Wall

With regards to travel, provisionally we will be flying from Manchester Airport to Berlin on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025, with the return leg back to Manchester Airport again on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025.. Please note however that these are provisional arrangements and are subject to change; you will receive an update when details have been confirmed by the tour provider. Although all breakfasts (excluding the first day) and evening meals (excluding the final day) are provided, the students will need to bring money for lunch on each day, as well as any extra spending money. More details will be provided in advance.

The cost of the trip will be £870. However, the trip is not ran on a first come, first serve basis to allow families as much time as possible to budget for this. There are 40 places available on the trip. If you would like your child to attend the trip, please register an interest on the link emailed out to parents by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. If there are more than 40 registered interests, all students will be entered into a ballot to be chosen, with any pupils not chosen entering a reserve list.

However, if you do wish your child to attend and register an interest, you must be committed to meeting the following payment deadlines:

- First instalment of £275 to be paid by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.
- Second instalment of £245 to be paid by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March.
- Final instalment of £350 to be paid by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

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As a result of direct funding from the government those students in receipt of Free School Meals or is a Pupil Premium student (as indicated in previous correspondence), will have the cost of the trip reduced by a further 20%.

Students need to ensure that they have, or have ordered, a valid passport and GHIC card for the trip; we will not be running a collective passport. When your child's place on the trip has been confirmed, we will send out a form asking for this information. Please can you confirm this as soon as possible? We will also need to see this documents to verify the week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

I must point out that we reserve the right not to allow your child to participate in this visit if their behaviour leads us to believe that they would represent a risk to themselves and to others. I must also warn you that you may forfeit the monies paid to cover any costs incurred by the cancellation.

Should you have any queries regarding payment or the trip in general, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Hammond in the Humanities Faculty.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Hammond (He/Him),  
Lead History Teacher and Senior ECT Mentor,  
Humanities Faculty.