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Dear Parents/Guardians and Year 10 History students,

RE: GCSE HISTORY VISIT TO BERLIN 9TH OCTOBER TO 12TH OCTOBER 2013

I am beginning to organise the History department's annual tour to Berlin which is open to all students studying History at GCSE. The trip will support students' learning about Hitler's rise to power and life in Nazi Germany, as well as visiting some of the iconic sites of the Cold War.

Some selected highlights of the tour include visits to:

- **The Brandenburg Gate:** The symbol of Berlin and the backdrop to political changes in Germany from the Spartacist revolt, Nazi Parades and the building of the Berlin Wall.
- **The Reichstag:** Site of the fire that catapulted Hitler from Chancellor to Fuhrer
- **The Soviet War Memorial Tiergarten** to the Soviet 'liberation' and occupation of Berlin
- **Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe:** How modern Germany remembers the Holocaust
- **The Fuhrer Bunker:** Where Hitler spent his last days before committing suicide in 1945
- **Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp**
- **The Olympic Stadium** which hosted the 1936 Berlin Olympics, the scene of Jesse Owens' triumphs
- **The Wannsee Conference House** where the final solution to the Jewish Question was decided.

The tour is organised through Anglia Tours who are very experienced in organising trips of this nature and provide professional guides for the whole visit. Please note that our tour of Berlin comprises a full day on foot which may not be suitable for all students. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

We will be departing school on Wednesday 9th October, 2013 and returning on Saturday 12th October, 2013. Please be aware that to keep costs down we will be travelling by coach which is approximately a 16 hour journey, traffic permitting. Students who suffer from travel sickness and/or being in a mode of transport for long periods of time should bear this in mind. We will be driving to Berlin through the day on Wednesday, returning overnight on Friday/Saturday.

Payment Procedures - We ask you to use the on-line payment system to pay for this particular Trip/activity if possible.

If you have an online account, please proceed as normal.

If you have not previously created an online account please email onlinepayments@st-crispins.wokingham.sch.uk to request a Pupil Link Code and a list of instructions.

If you choose to pay by cheque please ensure that the student's name, form and the name of the Trip/Activity are clearly written on the back of the cheque, which should be made payable to '*St Crispin's School*'.

If paying by cash it must be in a sealed envelope with the students name, form, amount enclosed, Trip/Activity clearly written on the outside.

This trip is an optional visit and the school asks that the payment is made as a voluntary contribution to cover the cost. In the event that we are unable to cover the costs the trip may have to be cancelled. If you are experiencing difficulty in paying for this visit a written request for support should be submitted to the school bursar. In the event that the visit is oversubscribed names will be drawn from a hat from all those that have replied by the deadline. Parents are responsible for the prompt collection/return home of students after the visit.

Please be aware that your emergency contact details are uploaded to a password protected website so that a member of the Senior Leadership Team or Local Authority can access information in the event of an emergency. These details include only names and telephone numbers submitted on your Broadmoor form. If you do not want your details store in this way please notify the school.

The cost of the trip will be **approximately £390**, to include accommodation, all meals except on Day 1, travel and insurance and is open to all GCSE History students. **In order to secure your child's place on the trip, we require a £50 non-refundable deposit and the attached form to be returned to the school office by Friday 21st December 2012.** The final cost will be communicated after this date once we are aware of how many students are attending. Please be aware that due to coach and accommodation deposits having to be paid over the Christmas break, we will be unable to accept any payments after this date. Any students who would like to attend after the deadline will be placed on a waiting list.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at blythr@crispins.co.uk

Yours sincerely

Mr R Blyth
Director of Achievement and Wellbeing for Year 10
History Department

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**To: Mr R Blyth, History Department, St Crispin's School
GCSE Berlin Tour – 9th OCTOBER TO 12TH OCTOBER, 2013**

Student's Name: _____ Form: _____

Emergency Telephone Number for day of visit: _____

On date of visit will your child be requiring any medication? If so, please give details.

(please include Epipen, Asthma Inhaler, etc.)

Any other medical condition which may affect your child's performance/safety on this activity.

Family Doctor's Name and Telephone Number for emergency purposes only: _____

I agree to staff on the visit/activity giving permission for my child to have any medical treatment that the medical authorities think necessary. I undertake to inform the school of any changes in my child's fitness prior to departure. I have ensured, as far as I reasonably can, that my child understands that it is important to safety that any rules and instructions given by the staff in charge are obeyed. I understand parents are responsible for the prompt collection/return home of students after the visit'.

Does your child have any specific dietary requirements. _____

I would like to reserve a place for my child on the GCSE trip to Berlin, 9th- 12th October 2013. Parents are responsible for the prompt collection/return home of students after the visit.

Please tick method of payment of the non-refundable deposit:-

- I have paid by Credit/Debit Card
- I enclose a cheque payable to "St Crispin's School" for £50.00 with my child's name, form and year and "GCSE Berlin Tour" on the reverse.
- I enclose cash £50.00 in a sealed envelope my child's name, form and year and "GCSE Berlin Tour" on the outside.

Signature (Parent/Guardian): _____ Date: _____