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30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parent / Guardian,

### **History, Art, Philosophy and Ethics GCSE trip to Berlin - December 2026**

We are delighted to be offering GCSE History, Art and REP Students a residential trip to Berlin. The visit to Berlin thoroughly supports students' GCSE studies for History, Art and REP and is offered to current Year 10 students who study one or more of these subject areas, along with current Year 9 students who are considering one of these subjects for next academic year.

The trip to Berlin will support GCSE Historians in their study of the Cold War, required for paper 2 in the Edexcel GCSE Specification. We will consider the division of Germany and the construction of the Berlin Wall. We will contrast the lifestyles either side of the wall at the DDR museum and the use of espionage by the Soviets by visiting the Stasi Prison. The students will experience for themselves the depth and speed of change Berlin has seen since the removal of the wall in 1989. Of course, whilst in Berlin we will use this opportunity to support prior learning and visit key aspects of Berlin's recent past, including Nazism, its impact on government and society, propaganda and persecution.

For our GCSE Art students, Germany's vibrant capital is a magnet for artists, where a turbulent history has paved the way for freedom of expression and the encouragement of creativity. This is an amazing opportunity for GCSE Art students to explore a city known for being at the cutting edge of art. We will be able to explore some of the most iconic examples of street art in the world at the East Side Gallery. We will respond to the rich cultural experience by taking photographs of the amazing architecture and artwork around the city and completing a sketchbook of drawings, ideas and emotions gathered from the historic aspects of the trip. This experience will greatly add to GCSE Art portfolios where all the imagery and ideas can be brought back to the classroom to help improve grades.

Berlin is an excellent destination for GCSE Philosophy and Ethics students because its history and culture bring key ethical and philosophical topics to life. Sites like the Holocaust Memorial and Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp issues of human rights, moral responsibility, and the consequences of prejudice and hatred. The Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, and Stasi Museum

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explore themes of freedom, justice, and life under oppression. With its diverse religious sites, connections to influential ethical thinkers like Hegel and Marx, and museums such as the Jewish Museum, Berlin offers powerful opportunities for reflection, debate, and a deeper understanding of ethical concepts in real-world contexts.

Although a designated study trip, we hope the students will thoroughly enjoy everything German culture has to offer including the buzz of its capital city, German Christmas markets, food and spending quality social time with their friends.

**The trip itinerary includes:**

- Brandenburg Gate
- Reichstag at night and the Bundestag Dome
- Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe
- The Jewish Museum
- Check Point Charlie and the Berlin Wall Memorial Museum
- Stasi Prison (former East German police prison for suspected West German spies)
- Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp
- Berlin Wall East side gallery
- Weimar art Gallery
- DDR museum to focus on East German fashion/ architecture and lifestyle throughout the Cold War
- Topography of Terror – SS Headquarters Museum of Terror.
- Christmas market visit
- Evening dinner in city centre restaurants

	<b>Proposed Tour Details</b>
<b>Dates:</b>	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December – Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2026
<b>Price:</b>	<b>£ 835</b> (this includes a £50 contingency fund, taking into account fluctuating flight costs prior to securing our booking with the initial deposit. If the price come in less than this upon booking, this will be refunded)
<b>Included in the price:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return flights from a Northern Airport to Berlin including baggage</li> <li>• 3 nights half-board (breakfast and evening meals) in Berlin</li> <li>• Coach transfers to and from Manchester Airport</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All museum passes included</li><li>• Insurance</li><li>• Public transport in Berlin at 5.50 Euros per day</li></ul>
<b>Not included in the price</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lunch each day</li><li>• Travel VISAS and passports (Parents and carers are responsible for arranging travel documentation)</li></ul>
<b>Payments and due dates:</b>	1st Deposit: £100 per paying passenger - to be paid at time of booking and is non-refundable unless the trip becomes oversubscribed. This should be paid via Arbor: BERLIN 2026. <b>The deadline for deposits is Friday 31st October 2025</b> Further payments of £100 will be requested monthly via Arbor.

To secure your child's place on the trip, please make the payment of the first deposit via Arbor and tick the consent button on Arbor.

Any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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