



14 May 2018

Dear Parent/ Carer

Visit to Krakow and Auschwitz – Birkenau, Poland

We are pleased to be able to offer all Key Stage 4 and 5 students a remarkable opportunity to visit Krakow and Auschwitz – Birkenau, Poland. The trip will depart on **Friday 5 April 2019** and return on **Monday 8 April 2019**.

The purpose of the trip is to enrich students’ understanding of the holocaust and how Nazi beliefs resulted in one of the worst acts of genocide in history. The trip will include a walking tour of Krakow, through the former Jewish district and wartime Ghetto, finishing at Oskar Schindler’s factory, made famous in the film “Schindler’s List”. There will be a full day tour of Auschwitz – Birkenau, an integral chapter in the story of the Holocaust. Auschwitz – Birkenau was one of the largest concentration and extermination camps in Poland, it has the highest profile of the few remaining structures of this type. There will also be a unique opportunity for students to meet and engage with somebody who experienced the Holocaust first hand and to fully understand what life was like for the Jewish community at that time.

The price of the trip will be £586, which includes flights, full board accommodation, insurance, coach transport and all entrance fees. Participation in this trip is of course voluntary; if insufficient numbers wish to take part, the trip will not go ahead and your deposit will be refunded. Payment will be in instalments, starting with a deposit of £100. In order to secure flights and hotel bookings we need to receive initial deposits by **Friday 18 May** – please see the payment schedule below. Unfortunately if we do not get the deposits in by this time we will lose our early booking discount and the cost of the trip will increase. If your child is interested in attending and the full deposit causes difficulty, please email me in confidence to discuss ways we can support your child. Should you accept a place on this trip but at a later date, for any reason, need to withdraw; the deposit will be non- refundable.

Deposit of £100	Wednesday 16 May 2018
2nd instalment of £100	Friday 29 June 2018
3rd instalment of £100	Friday 28 September 2018
4th instalment of £100	Friday 26 October 2018
<i>Final instalment of £186</i>	<i>Friday 30 November 2018</i>

Attendance and behaviour of students, prior to departure are very important to us as a College. I know you will appreciate the high level of responsibility involved in taking students abroad. I would like to reiterate that the College reserves the right to cancel the place of any student whose behaviour causes

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concern prior to departure of this trip or whose attendance falls below 93% (attendance concerns will always be discussed with you prior to this). In the event of any of these occurrences all monies paid, which do not incur charges to the travel company, will be returned.

A place is reserved by returning the slip below in an envelope marked **Auschwitz Trip** direct to Mrs Fowler at Student Reception, along with the deposit of £100 (paid either by cheque or via the online payment system). Please pay for the trip via the online payment system using the following link: <https://www.scopay.com/midhurst?redirect=true>. If you require support with the online process please contact our finance department at; louise.stone@mrc-academy.org or Katherine.Chard@mrc-academy.org. If you do not have access to the internet please make cheques payable to 'Midhurst Rother College'. Your envelope should not be given to any other member of staff. **To potentially secure a place on this trip the deposit and the completed consent form must be received.** The first 40 completed applications will secure a place. If insufficient numbers wish to participate, your deposit will be returned.

Should you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me by email or through the College reception.

Yours sincerely



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Consent slip

Trip title: **Visit to Krakow and Auschwitz – Birkenau, Poland** Trip Leader: Mr Alex Witney
Date of trip/residential: **Friday 5 April – Monday 8 April 2019**

Name of Student: Tutor Group:

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the **visit to Krakow and Auschwitz – Birkenau, Poland**

I have made a payment through the cashless system Please tick

Name of parent/carer:Contact Tel:

Signed: Date:

Please return this slip to Mrs Fowler at Student Reception by **Friday 18 May 2018**. Thank you.

If the trip is oversubscribed you will be contacted by the trip leader to confirm whether your child has secured a place.