

30th June 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Every year as part of the GCSE course the History department at The De Montfort School organises a residential visit to Berlin for Year 10 students. I am writing to inform you that this year the trip will take place between Sunday 14th and Wednesday 17th July 2019 (4 days and 3 nights).

The annual visit to Berlin has become established as a highlight of both the school calendar and the participants' time as DeMontfort School students. It offers students the opportunity to investigate the scene of some of the 20th Century's most famous historical events. During the stay students will visit the German parliament building, the 1936 Olympic Stadium, and Sachsenhausen, the site of one of the first concentration camps built by the Nazi regime. Germany's Cold War era is also explored through visits to the remnants of the Berlin Wall, the tunnel networks under the city centre, the infamous Stasi prison and Checkpoint Charlie. All of these visits are tailored to the GCSE course and will enhance the students' understanding of the events and issues being studied at school. The students will also have the chance to participate in organised leisure activities in the evenings.

The visit is organised for The De Montfort School by European Study Tours. They are a company that specialises in educational visits and they have designed the visit to meet our requirements. Our accommodation is booked at the Berlin schulzhotel ostbahnhof : <https://www.schulzhotels.com/en/home/>

The cost of the visit is provisionally set at £540.00 inclusive of all costs with the exception of lunches. This figure is based upon 20 participants. In previous years we have usually taken a higher number of students and this has meant that the overall final cost has sometimes been reduced. In addition, we intend to travel on a collective (group) passport which is included in the cost. This means that if your child does not have their own passport they will not be required to obtain one for this trip provided they are a British citizen. Details of the collective passport can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/collective-group-passports>.

If you would like your child to participate in this visit, then please complete the reply slip and group passport consent form attached together with the full payment of £540.00 to the school finance office by 28th September 2018.

Previously we have allowed staged payments for school trips however, the school has been left with large amounts to pay when students have withdrawn from the trip. If we do not have enough students to make this trip viable then it will not be booked and you will receive your full refund immediately.

Payments can also be made electronically with debit or credit cards through ParentPay on the school website.

<https://www.parentpay.com>

Regards,



Mr. S.Jennings (Berlin Trip Organiser)

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Date of birth Tutor Group

I enclose payment of £540.00

Signed Relationship to student Date

In order to book flights we also require the following information about your child:

Full name (as it appears on passport/ legal documentation) :

Address:

Nationality:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Age at time of travel (July 2019) :

Passport Number:

Issue Date:

Expiry date:

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