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28th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carer(s),

Re: Visit to Krakow – October 2024

We are planning to take a group of Year 11 students on a three-day visit to the Polish city of Krakow from **Thursday 24th to Saturday 26th October 2024**. The aim of the visit is to explore the pre-war life of the once vibrant Jewish community of Krakow and to discover the ultimate fate of that community under Nazi rule.

Details are still to be finalised but the visit will include the following elements:

Thursday 24th October 2024

- Morning flight from Stansted airport to Poland
- City tour of Krakow on arrival
- Visit to the site of the Jewish ghetto
- Tours of the Old Synagogue and Apteka Pod Orlem museum, featured in the film "Schindler's List"
- Exploration of the Jewish district of Kazimierz
- Tour of Oscar Schindler's factory

Friday 25th October

- Full day tour of Auschwitz Birkenau, the notorious Nazi extermination camp where 1.3 million people were worked, gassed or starved to death.

Saturday 26th October

- Further sightseeing of Krakow, including the opportunity to shop
- Return flight to London

The cost of this tour will be **£790.00**. This is based on an estimated number of students going on the trip. If, however, more students than estimated go, the price will reduce. We will be in the position to confirm this after the deadline for the first deposit. Included in the cost are the following:

- Return airfares from London to Krakow
- Coach transfers throughout the three days
- Accommodation in a 3-star hotel
- Daily breakfast, lunch and evening meal
- Evening entertainment
- Sightseeing with local guides
- Insurance

The obvious highlight and main reason for this tour will be the opportunity to visit Auschwitz Birkenau. Students should not underestimate the impact which such a visit might have on them. A visit to Auschwitz Birkenau can be a life changing experience and enormous care will be taken to prepare participants as fully as possible beforehand. Experienced staff will accompany students throughout the visit.

If you wish to secure a place for your son/ daughter on this visit, please sign and return the attached form together with the payment slip below and a deposit of **£300.00 by Friday 28th June**. This deposit will be used to purchase the flights and will therefore be non-refundable or transferable.



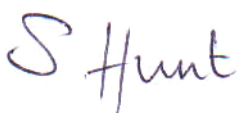
The balance will be required by **5th September**. Payments for this visit may be made in three ways: by cheque, cash or via Scopay. Cheques or cash should be given to the school finance office and the student's name, tutor group and the name of the visit should be written on the envelope. Cheques should be made payable to **Sandhurst School Private Account**.

Receipts for contributions will be forwarded to parents via students. In the past students participating in this visit have been supported by financial grants from the Crowthorne Trust. If you would like to make an application for financial assistance, please see Miss Hunt for an application form as soon as possible.

Please be aware that students will need their own passport with at least 6 months validity after 26th October 2024. The tour operator will require passport details by the beginning of September.

We will organise an information evening for participants and parents in September. However, if you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,



Ms S Hunt MBE
Deputy Headteacher

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PLEASE RETURN TO FINANCE OFFICE

Student Name: Tutor Group:

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I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the visit to **Krakow**

I enclose: Completed **OHA2 - VISITS medical and consent form**
 Deposit of **£300.00**

Payment Method - Please tick one: Cheque (payable to 'Sandhurst School Private Account')
 Cash
 Online (preferred) (date online payment made/...../2024)

Signed Parent/Carer

