

Stanborough



Mathematics & Computing Academy

Headteacher: Mrs M John

27th June 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Expression of Interest – Berlin July 2025

A residential educational trip organised by the History Department.

We are pleased to announce that the History Department are able to offer next year's Year 10 students the exciting opportunity to visit Berlin for three days, provisionally booked for 15-17 July 2025. While this trip is not essential for the GCSE course, it has been endorsed by the Edexcel exam board as complementing students' understanding of the Superpower Relations topic and the Weimar and Nazi Germany topic. Fuller details of the itinerary are given overleaf.

The provisional cost of this residential trip is estimated at £850 and the final cost will be confirmed in September when flight prices are known. This figure includes return flights, all coach transfers, meals from the first evening meal to the last day packed lunch, accommodation, all entry fees, the services of two professional guides, comprehensive insurance and resources. This figure is based on 50 students participating, and will increase if fewer students sign up.

At this stage, we are looking for expressions of interest, and should you wish your child to participate in this trip, please complete the [Microsoft form](#) by **Friday 5th July**. Students who have been successful in gaining a place on the trip will be notified by the end of term, and a deposit of £300 paid via Arbor will be required by **Friday 13th September**. This amount has been requested by Anglia Tours (our travel company) and will be non-refundable once your child has been allocated a place on the trip and the money forwarded to the travel company. Additional payments will then be spread across the academic year with the final payment due by **Friday 4th April**. In the first instance, priority will be given to those students who have chosen GCSE History but spaces may become available for other interested students. Should the trip be oversubscribed, places will be awarded by ballot with a waiting list.

Due to the enormous responsibility that we are undertaking with an overseas residential trip, we do not feel that we should take any students who may misbehave or act in a dangerous manner. In relation to this, we want to make it clear that any student who is subject to serious disciplinary action within the school between now and July 2025 will forfeit their place on the visit and, if a replacement is not available, any payments already made may not be refunded. We hope that we are not forced to take such action. In addition, payments will not be refunded if a student withdraws at a later stage without finding a replacement, unless there are medical reasons supported by a medical certificate, which will be covered by insurance. Please also note that the school is not responsible for obtaining valid passports (with three months' validity from the date of return), GHIC cards or visas if needed; therefore we recommend that you allow plenty of time to apply for these if required.

We hope that as many students as possible will be able to benefit from this enriching opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

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Provisional Itinerary

DAY ONE

Leave Stanborough early to travel by coach to fly to Berlin. Once in Berlin, you will be visiting the Reichstag (German Parliament building), the Memorial to the Murdered Members of the Reichstag, the Memorial to the Sinti and Roma of Europe Murdered under the NS Regime, the Brandenburg Gate, the Georg Elser Memorial, the Air Ministry Building, EITHER the Olympic Stadium OR the German Historical Museum, and the Bebelplatz and Neue Wache before returning to our hostel for dinner.

DAY TWO

After breakfast at the hostel and with a packed lunch, you will travel by coach to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp followed by the Cecilienhof Palace, the Glienicke Bridge and the Allied Museum before returning to our hostel for dinner.

DAY THREE

After breakfast at the hostel and with a packed lunch, you will travel by public transport to visit the Berlin Wall and Documentation Centre, the Treptow Park Soviet Memorial, the Stasi Prison at Hohenschoenhausen, the East Side Gallery and Checkpoint Charlie, before some free time for shopping (return flight times permitting) and a return to the hostel to collect luggage and depart for the airport. Having landed back in the UK, you will then travel back by coach to Stanborough.

Please note that flights will be booked in September at which point we will be able to share more detailed information about timings for drop-off and collection from Stanborough.

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