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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The History Department is delighted to announce the 2024 Easter History Tour to Krakow and Auschwitz.

The trip will focus on the two events which dominated and shaped the 20th Century: World War Two and the ensuing Cold War. We will leave RGS very early on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (approx 4am) and arrive back late on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March. The exact itinerary is still being refined but is likely to include the following:

**Day One:** An early morning flight will take us to Krakow, widely regarded as one of Eastern Europe's most beautiful cities. The afternoon will be used to visit the world-famous Salt Mines, now a United Nations World Heritage site, and the Old Town of Krakow.

**Day Two:** We will depart early for Auschwitz, the site of the largest death camp of World War Two. We will be led round by expert guides.

The latter part of the day will be used to discover what happened when the Nazis left Poland in the final stages of World War Two, and the Soviet occupation began. Their imprint on the city will be highlighted in a guided walking tour round Nowa Huta, a model Communist housing district.

**Day Three:** We will explore Poland's long History in a walking tour through Krakow's medieval streets, once sacked by the advancing Mongol warriors. We will also visit the old Jewish Quarter of the city and learn about daily life before the arrival of the Nazis. Late afternoon, the journey to the airport and RGS will begin.

The cost of the trip is £845. This covers:

- RGS to RGS transport
- flights with 10kg hold luggage
- accommodation
- excursions
- breakfast and evening meals, but not lunches

I recognise that this is an expensive trip. This price represents the very best value we could find.

In the first instance we will require a deposit of £200 to allow us to secure the booking with Select School Tours. The remainder of the balance will then be due by these dates:

- £325 by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November
- £320 by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

If you wish your son to take part in the trip, can you please log on to ParentPay, look up "Easter History Trip 2024" and pay the deposit of £200. If you are unable to pay online, please contact the Finance Office to pay by an alternative method.

In addition, can you email me on [sbt@rgshw.com](mailto:sbt@rgshw.com) your son's full name and date of birth as per passport, to allow the travel company to book flights. Please note, as the School is required to make non-refundable payments to the trip provider, we would not be able to make any refunds should you withdraw your son from the trip once his place is confirmed.

If you feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please do contact me in strictest confidence and I will see if there is any funding available to assist you. We may also be able to arrange an alternative payment plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the visit.

Yours sincerely

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