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## History and German trip to Berlin October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

The History and German Departments are pleased to announce an educational trip to Berlin, focused on exploring German culture and language, as well as this city's pivotal role in the history of World War Two and the Cold War. The trip will take place from **Thursday 23rd October to Sunday 26th October 2025**. The trip is for those students who are currently studying History and/or German for GCSE and A-Level, and for Year 9 and Year 11 students who are planning on taking one or other of these subjects next academic year.

The exact daily itinerary is in the process of being worked out but visits will include:

- Two historical walking tours around the city, led by an expert local guide.
- Reichstag Dome.
- WWII air raid bunker.
- Museums including the Jewish Museum and the DDR museum, which is focused on life in East Germany.
- Remnants of the Berlin Wall, including the East Side Gallery and Checkpoint Charlie and Bernauer Straße.
- Memorials to the Sinti and Roma, Berlin Wall and Holocaust.
- An evening activity of bowling.

We will fly to and from Gatwick airport, leaving RGSHW early on the morning of October 23rd 2025, at around 0400, and returning to school late on 26th October at around 2330. **The cost of the trip will be £850 based on 30 students going.** This covers RGS to RGS transport, all transport in Berlin, accommodation, entrance fees, and food on a half board basis (breakfast and dinner). The students will therefore need additional money for lunch and any further snacks or souvenirs. The payment schedule is as follows:

Initial Deposit by Monday 24th March: £150

Second Payment by Monday 12th May: £350

Third Payment by Monday 14 July: £350

We would not like any student to be prevented from going on a trip for purely financial reasons. If your son qualifies for Pupil Premium and you would like to request support, please contact Mr Sheehan, Assistant Head ([gds@rgshw.com](mailto:gds@rgshw.com)). If you otherwise feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please contact Mr Clatworthy, Director of Co-Curricular Education ([dec@rgshw.com](mailto:dec@rgshw.com)) **in strictest confidence** and they will see if there is any funding available to assist you. Please note, where the School is required to make non-refundable payments to travel providers, we would not be able to make any refunds should you withdraw your son from the trip.

If the trip is oversubscribed and we are unable to secure additional places, priority will be given as follows:

1) A Level German and History students (PP and SEND first). 2) GCSE German and History students (PP and SEND first). 3) Anyone else chosen by names out of the hat if needed.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the Easter 2026 German Exchange, which will be launched at the start of the next academic year for Year 10 and Year 12 students taking GCSE/A-Level German. This trip will be specifically focused on developing language skills and will cost approximately £450. This trip will therefore not clash with the dates of the Berlin trip.

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

Yours sincerely

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