

December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

**5 Day Study Trip to Berlin for Year 10 GCSE and A Level students of History**

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 we are running a 5-day trip to Berlin so that pupils and students may have the opportunity to find out about the once divided capital city of Germany. Students will visit many historical sites in Berlin and, if they study German, will also get a chance to practise speaking German.

The proposed itinerary for the trip is as follows, although changes may occur once flight times are known: -

Day 1	Flight from London to Berlin and transfer to hotel. Guided tour of the Reichstag and evening walk to Brandenburg Gate
Day 2	Morning visit to the Berlin Hohenschönhausen Memorial, which tells the story of the Stasi prison through 400 exhibits, and tours with contemporary witnesses. After lunch you could visit the East Side Gallery
Day 3	A day trip to Sachsenhausen Concentration. Late lunch at the Hard Rock Café and time for shopping
Day 4	Morning visit to the Holocaust memorial. After lunch in a local restaurant, visit the Palace of Tears, a former border crossing point between East and West Berlin. There is some free time for souvenir shopping and independent exploration. Visit to the Topography of Terror.
Day 5	Visit Berlin's impressive Olympic Stadium, originally designed for the 1936 Olympic Games. There is some free time before a late afternoon flight back to London.

I anticipate the cost of the trip to be between £1050 and £1100 (dependant on final numbers). This will include:

- Coach travel to the airport
- Return flights from England to Berlin
- 4 nights in a hotel / youth hostel with half board
- X2 lunches at restaurants including the Hard Rock Cafe
- All visits and attractions
- Staff to accompany pupils
- Travel and medical insurance
- A trip hoodie
- A Berlin visit card, which is a travel card that also gives reductions on prices to tourist attractions

Pupils will need a full, valid passport for the trip, so if your child does not have one now is the time to apply, an EHIC card and money for lunches and souvenirs.

If you wish your son/daughter to participate in the trip, please return the attached Consent Form to their History teacher by 13<sup>th</sup> January with a £150 deposit payable on ScoPay.

**Scopay is now the preferred method of payment for all trips, visits and school activities. If you visit [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com) you will see payment details. If you have mislaid your Scopay login details, please call Pupil Services. Should you still wish to pay by cash or cheque (cheques should be made payable to *Rayleigh Schools Trust*) and handed into Pupil Services. If you have any Scopay queries regarding this trip, please contact Mrs S Bacon ([sbacon@rayleighschoolstrust.com](mailto:sbacon@rayleighschoolstrust.com)). Consent forms to be handed into Pupil Services once payment has been made.**

If there are any financial difficulties, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs Dines, in the strictest confidence.

Should the trip be oversubscribed, we will take into account each pupils effort grades. Where effort grades are the same, a random ballot will be used. If we are unable to offer your son/daughter a place, their name will be added to a reserve list. If You have paid a deposit for the trip and your child is not accepted on to it, a refund of the deposit will be issued.

If you have any queries concerning the trip please contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Garvey  
(History department/Head of Year 10)