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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am delighted to inform you that we have organised an educational trip to Berlin for our GCSE students. The trip will take place from 21st to 24th of October 2024 and will cover two important GCSE topics: Weimar and Nazi Germany, as well as Superpowers and the Cold War.

The purpose of this trip is to enable our students to gain a deeper understanding of these significant historical periods and their impact on global events. Through first-hand experiences, visits to historical sites, and expert-guided tours, the trip offers a unique opportunity for our students to enhance their knowledge and develop a broader perspective on these subjects.

We have carefully designed an enriching itinerary that includes visits to key historical sites such as the Brandenburg Gate, the Berlin Wall Memorial, the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, and the Reichstag Building. These visits will be complemented by engaging workshop sessions, allowing students to actively engage with the historical context and related concepts.

To secure your child's place on this educational trip, a non-refundable deposit of £150 is required. This deposit needs to be paid by 22.3.24 to confirm your child's participation. The total cost of the trip is £730, which includes accommodation, transportation, breakfast, entrance fees, and travel insurance.

We understand that the cost of the trip may be a consideration for some families. If you require assistance with payment, please do not hesitate to contact myself. As a school we are committed to exploring possible financial support options or alternative payment arrangements to ensure that every interested student has the opportunity to participate.

It is important to note that this trip is designed specifically for GCSE students studying the Weimar and Nazi Germany, as well as Superpowers and the Cold War topics. The visit is a valuable addition to the curriculum and aligns with the learning objectives outlined in the GCSE Edexcel History scheme of learning.

To ensure the utmost safety and supervision, a team of experienced and qualified staff members will accompany the students throughout the trip. This will include subject specialists, who will provide educational support and facilitate meaningful discussions, as well as trained professionals to address any potential health and safety concerns.

We believe that this trip will significantly contribute to your child's overall understanding and appreciation of these GCSE topics. As such, we strongly recommend their participation, considering the invaluable learning opportunities it offers.

Further details regarding the trip, including a detailed itinerary and necessary consent forms, will be provided closer to the departure date. Should you have any immediate questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement in ensuring the best educational experience for our students. I look forward to your positive response and your child's active participation in this educational trip.

Yours sincerely,

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