



10 July 2026

Dear Families

History Educational Visit to Berlin for GCSE History: Thursday 25 - Saturday 27 February 2027

In line with our GCSE history studies, we are planning a residential visit to Berlin, Germany. Students will visit various places of interest and historical importance. The visit aims to enhance the students' understanding of Weimar and Nazi Germany, as well as the impact of the Cold War on Berlin. Both of these elements are key topics in the GCSE history examinations.

The provisional itinerary is:

Day 1 - Meet students at Gatwick for early morning flight to Berlin and visits to the SS Topography of Terror and the Reichstag

Day 2 - Visit Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, Berlin Bunkers and the Berlin Wall / Checkpoint Charlie

Day 3 - Visit to the DDR museum, free time at Alexanderplatz and evening flight from Berlin to Gatwick

We will be staying at **A&O Hostel Mitte Berlin**. The students will be staying in single-sex shared rooms. Breakfast and evening meals will be provided at the accommodation. Flights will be from LGW North Terminal, and students have 15 kg of hold luggage included.

All students will need their own passport which has at least six months' validity from the date of travel and a valid GHIC card which may be applied for [online](#) if they do not already have one. There is no charge for this card.

Additional spending money will be required to buy lunch on each day, and this will need to be in euros.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of **£550**, which will cover travel, half-board accommodation, insurance, and all entrance fees and excursions. We must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless all parents, who can, pay the full contribution.

We never want cost to be a barrier preventing members of our Sackville community from our culture of belonging or from being able to take part in trips and events. We will work closely with all families to ensure that every child has equitable access to opportunity during their time at Sackville School. If any families would like their child to take part in this opportunity and would need financial assistance, we invite families to get in touch with us to discuss what may be available.

Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found [here](#).

In order to guarantee a place on the trip, we need to receive a **non-refundable initial deposit of £150** by **Wednesday 22 July 2026**. As there are only 50 places available, this will be on a first come first served basis.

We would then ask for regular payments at the beginning of each calendar month beginning in September 2026 and ending in December 2026 (see payment schedule and details below).

It is very helpful if the following payment schedule is adhered to, as we need to make regular payments to the tour company (NST Travel) well in advance of departure.

DEPOSIT	£150	22 July 2026
Payment 1	£100	1 September 2026
Payment 2	£100	1 October 2026
Payment 3	£100	1 November 2026
Payment 4	£100	1 December 2026
Total	£550	

These payments can be made earlier or as one payment if you so wish.

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the history department at school if you have any further queries about the trip.

Yours sincerely

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