



08 October 2026

Dear Families

## **Educational Visit to BodyWorlds/Life Learning Lab, Berlin - Wednesday 10 March to Friday 12 March 2027**

As part of our curriculum provision for Biology and Medical Science, we are planning a three-day, two-night residential visit to Berlin, Germany, to visit two unique biological exhibits from Wednesday 10 March to Friday 12 March 2027.

BodyWorlds contains real plastinated bodies and organ displays to allow students to view the full, three-dimensional anatomy and physiology of the human body. It demonstrates the effects of different diseases and provides insight into the importance of a healthy lifestyle. This will complement students' learning of body systems and the diseases affecting them, such as atherosclerosis and cancer, as well as piquing their curiosity and promoting deep thinking and discussion.

[Bodyworlds Berlin](#) is the largest and most comprehensive Bodyworlds exhibit, and also has 'Animals: Inside Out' within the exhibit, providing a unique insight into how animals move, breathe, connect, and reproduce.

The Life Learning Lab in Berlin offers a four-hour workshop where students get hands-on experience performing molecular biology experiments and techniques that are in the specification, which we simply cannot do at school, such as PCR, electrophoresis, and DNA analysis. Students will get an opportunity to get a taste of what it is like to work in a research lab, learning techniques that are a core part of many university courses in biology, biochemistry, biomedical science, molecular biology and more. These are techniques learnt about in Year 13 and will provide context for this work.

Whilst we are in Berlin, we will also take the opportunity to visit some of the cultural highlights, including the Futurium (an exhibit demonstrating scientific innovation and future developments in science) and others such as the Brandenburg Gate, Holocaust Memorial, and Reichstag building to allow us to appreciate the history of Berlin. We will also have bowling and a quiz as part of our evening entertainment.

### **Provisional itinerary includes:**

- Flights to and from Gatwick
- Two nights in hostel-style accommodation
- Two breakfasts at accommodation
- Two dinners (two courses) at accommodation
- Bodyworlds exhibit
- Life-Learning Lab four-hour workshop
- Futurium
- Bowling (two games)
- Tourist stops: Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag Building, Holocaust memorial

This trip is currently planned to take place from Wednesday 10 March to Friday 12 March 2027. The total cost of the trip is £520, with a £120 deposit to be paid by Tuesday 03 November 2026 to secure a place. Families are invited to make a voluntary contribution towards this amount to support the opportunity going ahead. I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of this trip, it will not take place unless parents, who are able to, are willing to contribute. There is also a minimum

number of 20 participants; if we do not secure this number, we will have to cancel the visit for this year and will return deposits.

Please bear in mind that we can offer an alternative trip to Bodyworld in London for this year only, as there is currently a touring 'Happiness' exhibition in the UK for the next six months. This would allow us to visit the exhibit locally for a much lower cost; however, it does not offer the lab experience. This alternative would involve a train up to London, tour Bodyworld in the morning, and then go over to the Natural History Museum for the afternoon. The approximate cost for this option would be £45.00. We wish to offer and run the Berlin visit as a priority, but we would offer this option as an alternative, depending on numbers signing up for Berlin.

To join in for Berlin, you can either pay in full or use the payment schedule by MCAS as below:

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|-----------|-------|--------------------------|
| DEPOSIT   | £ 120 | Tuesday 03 November 2025 |
| Payment 2 | £ 100 | Monday 07 December 2026  |
| Payment 3 | £ 100 | Monday 04 January 2027   |
| Payment 4 | £ 100 | Monday 01 February 2027  |
| Payment 5 | £ 100 | Monday 08 March 2027     |
| Total     | £520  |                          |

If your child is eligible for financial support from the 16-19 bursary, please contact Mrs Wright in the Sixth Form office. Further information about the bursary can be found [HERE](#).

#### **Additional information:**

For the Berlin visit, students will need to be transported to and from Gatwick Airport (actual times TBC). Students will be staying in single-sex, shared rooms at the accommodation. As it is only a two-night stay, to keep costs down and keep us mobile, students will only have one small piece of hand luggage for clothes and sundries (max. 45 x 36 x 20 cm), which fits under the seat in front of them. This must be carried by the students.

All students will need their own passport, which has at least **three months'** validity from the date of travel, and a valid GHIC card, which may be applied for online at [www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk), if they do not already have one. There is no charge for this card.

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

As outlined in our Culture for Learning policy, on rare occasions we may have to remove a student from a trip who is unable to meet our high expectations or whose behaviour puts themselves or others at risk. Please have your child read this [Code of Conduct](#) document before the trip.

Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found [here](#). **No peanut or nut related products are allowed to be taken on any school visit.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any further queries about either trip - [kmorris@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:kmorris@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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