

November 2011

Dear Parents

The History Department are in the process of organising a seven day tour of **Munich, Nuremburg and Berlin** at the beginning of the summer holiday, **6th-12th July 2012**.

The tour will be open to current 3rd – Lower Sixth students and is linked to the 3rd Year GCSE syllabus and Sixth Form European studies. As you will see below, this is a very packed tour which will hopefully allow students to experience a fine blend of German history and culture.

We will be travelling with Key Stage Travel and have chosen to take the coach option as it allows us total flexibility throughout each day of the tour and minimises overall costs. We will be accommodated in three star hotels, with twin or triple rooms for pupils with private facilities. The cost of the tour will be £535 per student and we have forty places available. All students will be insured via School (details to follow) and we will advise you of emergency contacts and hotel details in due course.

In order to secure a place on the tour for your child we would ask you to complete the **permission slip, EV2 Overnight form, and to include a non-refundable deposit cheque for £50** (made payable to 'Stockport Grammar School'). Please write your child's name and form on the back of the cheque along with the tour name and date, and return it to me at school no later than **Friday 9th December 2011**. Places will be guaranteed on a 'first come, first served' basis. A payment breakdown for the remaining £485 will be sent out after Christmas as numbers and pupils involved are confirmed.

The proposed itinerary (subject to possible minor change as planning progresses) is as follows:

DATE	ITINERARY	MEALS INCLUDED
Fri 06 Jul	Your coach will pick you up from school (09h30) to travel to Dover for a ferry crossing to Calais and overnight travel across Europe.	
Sat 07 Jul	Arrive Munich hotel for breakfast and to leave luggage and collect packed lunches. Morning free to explore Munich (Teacher led). Meet your guide for an afternoon walking tour of the city, focussing on its Nazi history. Evening meal at the Hofbrauhaus and overnight Munich.	Breakfast Packed lunch Evening meal

Sun 08 Jul	Guided visit to Dachau concentration camp. Travel to Neuschwanstein Castle for a visit. Continue to Nuremberg, arriving at 21h30 for evening meal and overnight.	Breakfast Packed lunch Evening meal
Mon 09 Jul	Morning guided walking tour of Luitpoldhain (10h00), the area where the Nazis held their immense rallies. Visit with audioguides to Courtroom 600 where the war crimes trials were held. Afternoon coach transfer to Berlin, arriving early evening. Evening meal at your hotel and overnight Berlin.	Breakfast Packed lunch Evening meal
Tue 10 Jul	Morning guided visit to The Road to German Democracy. Afternoon guided visit to exhibition Topography of Terror. Farewell evening meal at the Hard Rock Cafe and overnight Berlin.	Breakfast Packed lunch Evening meal
Wed 11 Jul	Morning visit using public transport to the Olympic Stadium. Afternoon guided visit to Sachsenhausen, a former concentration camp. Depart Berlin for the return journey to Calais.	Breakfast
Thu 12 Jul	An early morning ferry, with chance for breakfast on board. Then your coach will return you to school.	

As you can see most meals are provided on a full board basis. Pupils will, however, need some English money for the outgoing and return journeys and will need Euros for lunch and dinner on Wednesday 11th July. We trust you will agree that this tour offers a fantastic blend of educational and cultural travel experience at a reasonable cost.

Yours sincerely



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History Department and Trip Leader

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History Trip to Munich, Nuremberg and Berlin on 6th – 12th July 2012

I would like my son / daughter to attend the above trip and enclose a cheque, along with the attached Parental Authorisation Form, made payable to Stockport Grammar School for £50.

Pupil's Name and Form:

Parent /Guardian Signature: