

10th November 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian

Holocaust Study visit to Poland

I am pleased to inform you that the next Holocaust Study Visit to Poland will take place from 4th - 7th October 2012. At present the visit will involve coach transfers to and from Bristol International Airport, flights to and from Krakow and three nights full board in a 3 star hotel. The cost of the visit will be £550, depending on EasyJet prices when we book, but does include all travel, accommodation, meals, insurance, coach tours, entrance fees and English-speaking guides in Poland. It is worth emphasizing that this cost includes everything except personal spending money.

On Friday, the first of the two whole days in Krakow, we will visit the Auschwitz/Birkenau Concentration Camp complex. This will be in the form of guided walks with a commentary given by an English-speaking guide, explaining the features and exhibits. There will also be the opportunity to visit Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the world's oldest salt mine!

On Saturday, the second whole day, there will be a guided walking tour of Krakow to include St. Mary's Church, the Wawel Royal Chambers, Wawel Cathedral, Royal Tombs and Sigismund's Bell. In the afternoon there will be a tour of Kazimierz, the Jewish Quarter and the site of the Krakow Ghetto with entrances to Pharmacy 'Pod Orlem' and Remuh Synagogue museum. On the Sunday morning, we will visit the site of Schindler's factory, which opened as a museum in Spring 2010.

The study visit will require considerable maturity and sensitivity from those participating. Some of the sights at Auschwitz/Birkenau will not be for the faint-hearted. However, in a troubled world, the visit may inspire greater understanding and empathy for those nowadays who face the consequences of prejudice and discrimination. Students who take part in this visit will be expected to keep a diary relating to the visit and take part in preparation and follow-up activities. These will include giving talks to classes and possibly in assemblies.

Since the visit takes place largely outside school hours, the full cost will have to be met by those wishing to secure a place. Our previous three Holocaust Study Visits have been very well received and demand for places will be strong. In order to secure your child's place on this unique study visit, and facilitate the early booking of flights, I will need the following by **Friday 9th December 2011: Your reply slip and a non-refundable deposit of £150. Cheques should be made payable to Bishop Fox's School.** After this initial deposit, installments will need to be paid by the following dates:

2 nd instalment - £150	Friday 2 nd March 2012
3 rd instalment - £150	Friday 4 th May 2012
Final payment - £100	Friday 6 th July 2012

Yours sincerely

MS. L. SOUTHGATE
TEACHER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To Ms. Southgate

I would like to reserve place(s) on the Holocaust Study Visit 2012 for

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I enclose a deposit of £150 per place.

I understand that if a place is reserved, the deposit is non-refundable.

In the event of over subscription, cheques for reserve places will be held in case a place becomes available at a later date.

Signed (Parent/guardian) Date