

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)

### RE: Year 11 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Visit to Berlin 5<sup>th</sup> December – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019

I am pleased to share with you the details of the Berlin trip, as they have now been finalised with our Tour Operator, NST.

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

**4.30 am: Departure from the bus stop outside SHSB (main entrance)** (I suggest arriving around 10 minutes before the departure time, as we will have to **leave promptly** in order to catch the flight)

**7.50 am: Flight departs from London Stansted (Ryanair FR145)**

10.40 am: Arrival at Berlin Schönefeld airport

- Check in at Hostel (A&O Hostel Berlin-Mitte, Köpenicker Str. 127-129, 10179 Berlin Phone: +49 30 809475200). Students will stay in multi-bedded bedrooms, the exact details have not yet been confirmed by the hostel
- Visit to Alexanderplatz
- Visit to DDR Museum
- Traditional German Christmas Market at Charlottenburg Castle

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

- Breakfast in hostel
- Berlin Unterwelten Tour (focus: Cold War)
- Berlinische Galerie
- Topography of Terror
- Wall Memorial Bernauer Straße
- Brandenburg Gate
- Holocaust Memorial
- Sinti & Roma Memorial
- Potsdamer Platz and Christmas Market
- Guided tour of the Reichstag (German Parliament)

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

- Breakfast in hotel and check-out
  - Visit to Stasi Museum Hohenschönhausen
  - Deutsches Historisches Museum
  - East Side Gallery
  - Travel to the airport
- 21.25 Departure from Berlin Schönefeld** to London Stansted (Ryanair, FR8545)  
**22.20 Arrival at London Stansted**  
**00.00 am: estimated return to SHSB**



As you can see, we have managed to come up with an itinerary that combines a variety of activities, making the most of the time that we have available in Berlin, in order to explore the city in as much depth as possible. We have also including free-time for the students, to give them the opportunity to explore further independently.

During free-time, it is paramount that all students stay together in groups of at least four students. They will be given clear times to reconvene at a meeting point announced in advance and it is absolutely vital that students stick to these instructions. As school rules apply throughout the trip, the consumption of alcohol and cigarettes is naturally **strictly forbidden**. Teachers remain in loco parentis for the whole duration of the trip. We do have high expectations in our students regarding their behaviour on extra-curricular trips, particularly with regard to trips abroad, where our students will not only be regarded as representing Southend High School for Boys, but they are effectively also ambassadors for our country, displaying our common values in a foreign country.

Breakfast will be served in the hotel, and students will have opportunity to buy lunch and dinner at certain times throughout the day as part of their free-time allocation. The amount of spending money depends on the choice your son/daughter makes regarding their food options and the buying of souvenirs. As a guideline, I'd estimate that €8 should be sufficient for a snack & drink at lunchtime, and €15 for food & drink at dinner time. I have timetabled the visit of Christmas markets for the evenings, as this gives students the opportunity to sample authentic German food of their choice for their dinner at the Christmas Markets. Therefore, I recommend to take around **€80 as spending money** for buying lunch & dinner.

The teachers accompanying this trip are Mrs Cavalier and Mr Bristow. They will have the school mobile phone with them during the trip, the number of this will be shared with parents nearer the time. Likewise, we do need **parents to be contactable at all times** via the emergency contact stated on the residential trip form. If you have not yet filled this form out online, please do so as soon as possible.

It is important that students always stick to the agreed times. As we have to catch flights, it is the students' responsibility to ensure that they are at the pick-up point at SHSB at the correct time, as the minibus will be unable to wait.

Reminder: **We are travelling with hand luggage only**. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure their son/daughter has luggage that conforms with **Ryanair's hand luggage restrictions**, in order to avoid having to pay a fine when boarding the airplane. Students are allowed **1 piece of hand luggage** which **must not exceed 55cmx40cmx20cm including wheels etc.** – Liquids must not exceed 100ml and must be stored in a clear plastic zip bag. Any items failing to comply with the airline's regulations will be at risk of being denied to be taken on-board.

As it is not possible for us to wait for students being picked up on the way back home, ALL students will return to SHSB and need to be collected from there. Students will be asked to make contact home once we have left Stansted airport and can estimate a return time.

I hope this information clarifies any questions you may have, but if you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

V. Cavalier  
(Head of German)

