

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Re: Berlin Trip February 2026 – Year 12 and 13 History Students

We are pleased to inform you that we are planning to run a trip to Berlin in February 2026 for Year 12 and 13 students who study History. The trip is currently scheduled to take place from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026. This is the beginning of half term to minimise the impact on teaching time and takes place after mock exams.

The trip itinerary is currently being finalised with the help of our tour operator and will focus on key themes that support the A Level specification. History students will benefit from a deeper understanding of Communism and the Cold War era. The trip will also include opportunities for students to revisit Year 11 themes including Fascism, and the satellite states of the Cold War.

The trip will include a busy programme of activities, both academic and cultural, including visiting the Reichstag building, walking tours, visits to key locations such as the Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie as well as the Stasi Museum. A number of other visits are currently being finalised. All of these visits will provide opportunities to enhance students' understanding of the historical and modern day impact Berlin has had on political events and the development of socialist and communist ideologies and regimes.

The total cost of this trip will be in the region of **£695.00**, which includes bed and breakfast accommodation, all transfers, local taxes, entrance and activity costs and evening meals on the Monday and Tuesday. The exact amount is subject to flight costs which will be confirmed in mid-November. The only elements which are not included are lunch and snacks each day as well as food for breakfast(Monday)/dinner(Wednesday) whilst we are travelling through airports.

Please note, as **there are a limited number of places available**, the places on the trip will only be guaranteed with receipt of the non-refundable deposit of £200 via wisepay. Later instalments are expected to be at the start of November and December. You will find the item under the "Trips and Visits" section. If you have any concerns about your Wisepay access, please contact [finance@shsb.org.uk](mailto:finance@shsb.org.uk). The deadline for making your deposit payment is **9am on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**. If your student is unsuccessful in getting a place they should see Mrs Foley to register interest on a waiting list should a place become available at a later date.

You will understand that staff remain *in loco parentis* throughout the duration of all school trips. We will need to be confident that each pupil will respond to expectations, and those who have not demonstrated a sufficiently good record of behaviour may forfeit the opportunity to join the trip.



Please review the school's Trip Code of Conduct via the link below, and ensure your child is aware of, and committed to, the required standards of behaviour.

<https://www.shsb.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1070>

If you have any further queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school's enquiries email.

Yours sincerely,

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