



22 September 2025

Dear Families

Year 10 GCSE and Year 12 A-Level History Educational Visit to Berlin – Wednesday 4 February - Friday 6 February 2026

In line with our GCSE and A-Level courses we are planning a residential visit to Berlin, Germany. Students will visit various places of interest and historical importance. The visit aims to enhance the students' understanding of Weimar and Nazi Germany, as well as the impact of the Cold War on Berlin. Both of these elements are key topics in the GCSE history examinations. For A Level students the focus will be on Nazi Germany for the students' coursework.

The provisional itinerary is:

Day 1 – Meet students at Gatwick for morning flight to Berlin and visit key sites in Berlin such as the Brandenburg Gate, the Jewish Memorial, the SS and Gestapo HQ (Topography of terror) and the Checkpoint Charlie Museum.

Day 2 - Visit to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, the Berlin Wall and the Reichstag - including entry to climb the dome.

Day 3 - Visit the DDR museum and free time for shopping and further sightseeing. Return flight to Gatwick.

We will be staying at an A&O Hostel in central Berlin. The students will be staying in single sex shared rooms. Breakfast and evening meals will be provided at the accommodation.

All students will need their own passport which has at least six months validity from the date of travel. Additional spending money will be required to buy lunch on each day and this will need to be in Euros. Students will also require a UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

The trip will cost £575 which will cover travel, half board accommodation, insurance, and all entrance fees and excursions. We must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless all parents, who can, pay the full contribution. Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our [website](#).

In order to guarantee a place on the trip we need to receive a non-refundable initial deposit of £250 to secure the flights by Monday 29 September 2025. We appreciate the quick turnaround but this is due to the late release of flights and requirement to pay in full. However, if you wish for your child to attend and find this deadline unsustainable, please speak to Delia Cave in our Finance team as soon as possible - dcave@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

We would then ask for regular payments at the beginning of each calendar month beginning in November. Payments can be made online through your MCAS account.

It is very helpful if the following payment schedule is adhered to as we need to make regular payments to the tour company well in advance of departure.

DEPOSIT	£250	29 September 2025
Payment 1	£162.50	3 November 2025
Payment 2	£162.50	1 December 2025
Total	£575	

These payments can be made earlier or as one payment if you so wish.

We never want cost to be a barrier preventing members of our Sackville Community from achieving their best. We will work closely with all families to ensure equity during their time at the school. If any families would like their child to have access to this product and would need financial assistance, we invite families to get in touch with us to discuss what may be available. Please speak to your child's community team.

Please do not hesitate to contact the history department at the school if you have any further queries about the trip.

Yours sincerely

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