



THE DEAN TRUST
Ashton on Mersey School

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KS4 Krakow / Auschwitz Educational Visit, 7th-10th February 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are very pleased to be offering the opportunity for KS4 pupils to take part in our annual trip to Krakow, now in its fifth year. The trip explores the events and effects of the Holocaust through encounters with people and places. Teaching the Holocaust and the stories of those affected by it is a responsibility we take seriously at school in encouraging tolerance and challenging prejudice and hatred. In the words of one pupil this year: *'It's an amazing experience... Some parts of the visit might be upsetting but overall it's a fantastic experience and a great opportunity.'*

The cost of the visit is £635.00 per person, which includes flights, hotel and tours of important historical sites including the Galicia Museum where pupils will have an opportunity to meet a Holocaust survivor, the Schindler Museum and the Jewish Ghetto and a tour of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp. They will also get to explore the city of Krakow where they will enjoy a variety of historic and modern attractions.

When considering sending your child on this visit, please bear in mind that it can be an affecting and harrowing experience. In school we take great care and pride in teaching the Holocaust in a sensitive and unsensational manner and tour guides in the camp have a similar approach. We are very aware of the different effects such an experience may have on our young people and there will be preparatory meetings to discuss what pupils will see and how to make the most of their visit.

To secure your child's place on the visit we require a non-refundable deposit of £135.00 made payable using the school's online payment system, ParentPay by 22nd April 2019. The outstanding balance must be paid by ParentPay at the rate of £100.00 per month from 31st May with the final payment being made by 30th September.

The airline cannot guarantee that the fees and airport taxes will not rise before we travel. For this reason, I have to reserve the right to pass these on to you if the need arises. Obviously, we hope to avoid this situation.

Places are awarded on a first come first served basis. Please be reminded that, as with any school trip, it is important that high standards of behaviour are maintained; any display of poor behaviour between now and the trip taking place may result in your child losing their place on this trip and your payments being retained.

Should your son/daughter withdraw from the trip at any stage you will be liable to pay all costs incurred to date and refunds will only be given subject to terms and conditions of the third parties being used for this trip or if withdrawal from the trip falls under the insurance policy.

Please find attached payment terms and conditions, we kindly ask you to read before booking your child's place.

Yours faithfully,

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