

Tomlinscote School & Sixth Form College

A Specialist Language College



January 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Krakow and Auschwitz trip December 2017

Tomlinscote School will be taking a party of up to twenty five Year 11 and Sixth Form students to Krakow, Poland on Friday 15th December to Sunday 17th December 2017. This trip is intended to allow the pupils a greater understanding of the Holocaust and fits in with the school's responsibility to provide students with opportunities to develop their personal, social, moral and cultural understanding of the world we live in. Our trip will be based in the medieval city of Krakow where there was a Jewish ghetto during the Second World War; we will also have the opportunity to take guided tours of Schindler's Factory, Auschwitz – Birkenau, the Katowice Salt Mines and a walking tour of Krakow itself. Although this trip has its basis in a historical event, I would stress that it is not a history trip and that it is open to all Year 11 and Sixth form students regardless of subjects studied.

We will be staying two nights at the Batory Guest Rooms which is centrally located and will provide evening meals and breakfast for the duration of our stay. Students will need to purchase lunch themselves throughout the course of the trip, a budget of between £5 and £10 day will be sufficient. The itinerary is as follows:

Friday 15 th December:	Morning: Departure to Luton airport (flight times tbc – hand luggage only) from Tomlinscote Afternoon: Guided tour of Schindler's Factory and guided walking tour of Old Town
Saturday 17 th December:	Morning: Guided tour of Auschwitz – Birkenau Afternoon: Free time followed by bowling
Sunday 17 th December:	Morning: Trip to the Salt Mines Depart for airport (flight times tbc - hand luggage only)

The trip is open to students who are currently in Year 10 and will be entering Year 11 in September 2017, also Year 11 who plan to stay into Year 12 at Tomlinscote next academic year. It is also open to Year 12 students who will be in Year 13 next academic year.

The cost of the trip is £499, with an initial deposit of £165 payable through '**parent pay**' by **Monday 6th March 2017**. **Please do not forget to also return the consent slip below to the History office by Monday 6th March 2017**. The balance will be payable in two instalments of £167. Deposits should be made by parentpay. This trip will appear in your son/daughter's account. If you already use ParentPay to credit your son or daughter's catering account you will see another item for payment: 'Deposit Krakow 2017'. If you haven't used ParentPay before or if you've forgotten your login details, please email Mrs L Strong at lstrong@tomlinscoteschool.com to be sent a temporary username and password.

We do not operate on a 'first come first served' basis for places on the trip. If the trip is oversubscribed we will allocate places by pulling names out of a hat and any unsuccessful pupils will have their deposit refunded.

Once your son/daughter has their place on the trip confirmed their names will be added to the relevant 'parent pay' account and two further instalments of £167 will be due on the following dates:

Monday 8th May 2017

Monday 11th September 2017

It is vital that payments are made by these dates so we are able to send payment to the tour operators organising the trip. A letter containing further details will be circulated once we know full numbers involved.

Surplus funds arising from the trip will be returned to parents where the surplus amounts to £5.00 a head or more. Surpluses of less than this will be retained for the benefit of the whole school.

Yours sincerely,

R Major
Head of School

V Kennedy
History Department

Trip to Krakow 15th – 17th December 2017

I wish son/daughter _____ Form _____ to go on the field trip to Krakow 15th – 17th December 2017.

I have paid by the deposit by Parentpay

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian

Please return the above slip to the History Department by Monday 6th March 2017



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