

May 9th 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am proposing taking an educational visit to Holland from Wednesday November 2nd – Saturday November 5th 2011, which is during the school half term holiday (and boarders need to note that there will be no access to the boarding houses at this time). This visit is directly related to the curriculum for GCSE Full Course RS and A Level Philosophy and Ethics. However, all Year 11-13 Historians are invited to attend out of interest and Year 11-13 Gifted and Talented pupils are also encouraged to attend for enrichment.

There are a maximum of 44 places to be allocated and priority will be given in the order stated above. The cost of the visit will depend on the numbers attending, but should be within the £260-300 bracket.

If you would like to express an interest in your son/daughter/ward taking part in this visit please check your diary, complete the reply slip below and send this, with a cheque for £50 as a deposit, to me by 27th May 2011 (half term).

A full itinerary is outlined below and a parent's meeting will be held at the beginning of the Autumn Term. Full payment will be required by Tuesday 6th September 2011.

Topics Include:

The Christian Response to Prejudice & Discrimination, Racism & Anti-Semitism, Tribalism & Nationalism, Discrimination Against Minorities, Denial of Human Rights, Persecution, Inequality & Segregation, The Sanctity of Life, Extermination & Genocide, War & Conflict, Civilian Victims of War, Justice & Retribution, Reconciliation & Forgiveness, Memorialisation & Commemoration, Christian Places of Worship.

Day One: Outward Travel

School pick-up & depart for Dover, Cross-Channel ferry to Calais, Five-hour drive to Amsterdam, Check-in at accommodation near Amsterdam & evening meal.

Day Two: Amsterdam & Arnhem

Depart after breakfast & travel into Amsterdam to visit: Anne Frank House, The Jewish Quarter in Amsterdam: No 9 Plantage Parklaan Hollandsche, Schouwberg Theatre, Eternal Flame & Auschwitz Memorial. Drive to Arnhem: The Bridge at Arnhem, Driel Church Arnhem, Check-in at accommodation near Arnhem & evening meal.

Day Three: Oosterbeek & Vught

Depart after breakfast: War Cemetery at Oosterbeek, Civil Cemetery Oosterbeek, Kamp Vught: Camp Model & Barrack, Block Jewish Memorial to Children, Post-Mortem Room & Cell 115, Crematorium & Ashes Pit. Overnight accommodation & evening meal (near Arnhem/Bergen-op-Zoom).

Day Four: Return Travel

Depart after breakfast Check-in at Calais, Ferry to Dover & return to school.

In Friendship,

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Please return this reply slip to Zoë Connor with a cheque for £50, payable to Sibford School, by May 27th for your son/daughter/ward to be considered for the Holland visit in November 2011. Your deposit, once accepted, is non-refundable.

Name of pupil/student:

Tutor Group:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Printed name of Parent/Guardian:

Date: