

Year 9 Krakow trip 2024



Darwen Vale History department is pleased to announce a great opportunity for students. In April 2024 we will be taking 40 students to Krakow, Poland. This is a History trip and over the 4 day visit there will be a number of 'historical' activities taking place, including a guided visit to Auschwitz concentration camp and also the opportunity to meet a holocaust survivor.

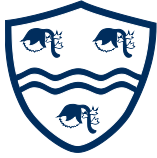
This is a trip that Mr Smalley and his team have taken on 2 previous occasions, and it is always a successful if somewhat thoughtful experience.

A full programme of all the activities can be found on the letter below, these letters are also available from Mr Smalley. Places are limited for this trip so to secure a place the deposit needs to be paid in full at 5pm on Friday 10 March or sometime thereafter, through the school's parent pay process.

Should you have any questions at all about the visit please contact Mr Smalley at Darwen Vale.

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Please be aware price and dates of the trip are subject to change dependent on availability of flights.



DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy



March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Residential Trip – Krakow 2024

As part of our commitment to making History a 'hands on' subject, and to support students who study History to GCSE level, we have organised a residential trip to Krakow in Poland. The trip will see pupils depart on 22nd April 2024 and they will then be spending 4 days and 3 nights in this beautifully historic city. A comprehensive programme of activities has been put together by me and expert staff at 'European Study Tours' who are facilitating this trip. During the week pupils will participate in a package that has been designed to inspire the children and allow them to learn about some of the most significant historical events of the 20th Century.

The school has worked very hard to keep the cost of this trip down, so as a result we are able to offer it to pupils at a cost of £725. Whilst we recognise this is not an insignificant amount, I am sure you will agree this trip promises to be a life changing experience for those who attend.

The Package includes.

- Return flights between northern airports and John Paul II Balice international airport.
- 1 Item of hand luggage per person.
- 4 Nights' accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis.
- UK airport assistance.
- Airport transfers in Krakow.
- Entrance to Galicia Jewish museum (museum and exhibition and tour).
- Meeting with concentration camp survivor or relative.
- Coach excursion to Auschwitz.
- Auschwitz-Birkenau entrance including guide and headsets.
- Guided walking tour of Krakow.
- Entrance to Schindler museum with guide.
- Entrance to Wodny Waterpark and coach transfer.
- Evening meal at Jewish restaurant, including entertainment.
- Travel insurance.
- 24-hour emergency assistance.
- Visit to an escape room.

As you can see it is a thorough and detailed itinerary that provides a platform for an amazing experience for the pupils. It also fits in with the GCSE syllabus currently taught in school.

If your son or daughter would like to go on this trip, then a £200.00 deposit needs to be paid via parent pay, which will be open to receive deposits from 5pm on Friday 10 March. Once you have secured your place then a payment schedule will be forwarded to you in due course. It is worth noting that a valid passport will also be needed. Please be aware that there is a possibility that when flights are released the date of the trip could be subject to change, should this happen, I will let you know as soon as I find out.

Places for this trip will be limited and therefore a quick response is required to secure a place on what promises to be a thoroughly memorable experience for all pupils who attend, we are hoping to take 40 pupils on this trip.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, or about the trip in general please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Smalley