



# Sir Graham Balfour School

Member of Sir Graham Balfour Multi-Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers

At Sir Graham Balfour we strive to provide enrichment experiences for our students and opportunities for them to develop their knowledge and understanding of the wider world they live in. To help support this development we are pleased to offer our **Y10/Y12** students the opportunity to visit Krakow Poland in March 2020. The purpose of this trip is to explore the recent past of Krakow and its surrounding areas, principally the Nazi Occupation of Poland from 1939, the unleashing of the 'Final Solution' including the development of the infamous Auschwitz Concentration and extermination camps but also considering the impact of the Soviet Union and allowing our students to see modern Poland and its culture in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

We are proposing to run a trip from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March with Select School Travel a very experienced educational visits organiser. We will depart from school in the early hours transferring to Luton airport before flying to Krakow. Students will be accommodated on a half-board basis at the **Hotel Wyspianski** (<https://www.hotel-wyspianski.pl/en/>) in the heart of city and an ideal base and one used by many schools for us to explore the culture and History the city has to offer. Our approximate itinerary is as follows:

Day 1:

- Fly to Krakow and transfer to accommodation.
- Walking exploration of our local area taking in the Old Town and Wawel Hill.
- Evening meal in accommodation.

Day 2:

- Breakfast in accommodation.
- Guided tour of Kazimierz (Former Jewish district of Krakow).
- A visit to the Schindler museum in the Old Krakow Ghetto in the Podgorze district.
- A visit to the Galicia Museum and a talk with a concentration camp survivor or family member.
- Evening meal in accommodation.

Day 3:

- Breakfast in accommodation.
- Full day to visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau (Including guide and headphones).
- Post Auschwitz debrief with staff at the hotel.
- Evening meal in accommodation.

Day 4:

- Breakfast in accommodation.
- Visit to the Wieliczka Salt Mine.
- Return back to Krakow centre, time for some last minute sightseeing/shopping.
- Transfer to airport and fly to the UK.

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**The total cost of the visit, which is taking place predominantly out of school time, will be £508 . If you wish for your child to be considered for the visit, please pay a £150 deposit via ParentPay by 30/09/2019 and tick the online consent box that can be found on ParentPay.**

We are no longer able to accept cash or cheques as payment. However, if you wish to pay using PayPoint please contact the Finance Office for details.

Please note that if your child is offered a place on the trip the deposit will be non-refundable.

**The second payment of £ 150 will be due by the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

**The final payment of £ 208 will be due by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.**

If you require financial assistance towards the cost, please contact the School Business Manager prior to committing to the trip. The Business Manager will consider individual requests based on personal circumstances and funds available at the time of asking.

**Please also note that your child will require a full UK passport and EHIC card to travel.**

Should there be more students asking to be considered than places available, some selection process will have to be involved. **If your child is unsuccessful in obtaining a place on the trip at the selection stage, your deposit will be refunded in full via ParentPay.** For the safety of the whole group, we need to be able to trust students to behave well on such a visit and we shall take certain issues into consideration in the selection. Should there still be a need to further reduce numbers after these considerations, we will draw names and create a reserve list.

Please do not hesitate to contact me in school should you have any questions regarding this trip.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F Martin', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Mr F Martin

Lead Teacher in Humanities