



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

RNO/TCC

18 July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSE History Trip to Berlin: Friday 22 – Monday 25 May 2026

As you may be aware, one of the main study units in GCSE History is *Germany: From Democracy to Dictatorship, 1890–1945*. This includes the study of Imperial Germany under the Kaiser, the Weimar Republic, the rise of the Nazi Party, life in Nazi Germany, and the Second World War. To support and enhance students' understanding of this topic, we have worked with WST to organise a residential educational visit to Berlin in May 2026. This trip offers a valuable opportunity to consolidate classroom learning and experience German history and culture first-hand.

The itinerary includes:

- Guided walking tour of Berlin with an English-speaking guide
- Visit to the Olympic Stadium
- Tour of the Reichstag Parliament building
- Guided tour of Sachsenhausen concentration camp
- Visits to museums including the Jewish Museum and Topography of Terror
- Evening social activities, including a visit to the Berlin TV Tower and bowling at Alexanderplatz

Also included is:

- Return coach transfer from school to Manchester Airport
- Direct return flights from Manchester to Berlin Tegel
- Meet and greet at the airports in the UK and Berlin
- Coach transfers between the airport and hotel
- Half-board accommodation for 3 nights at the Transit Loft, Berlin
- Coach transport in Berlin for site visits
- All entrance fees
- Comprehensive insurance cover

The anticipated cost of the trip is between **£890 and £910**, depending on final numbers. Students will need to bring money for lunches and any other additional refreshments or souvenirs. Please note that the trip will only go ahead if there is sufficient uptake and funding.

Important Travel Requirements:

Heckmondwike Grammar School, High Street, Heckmondwike, West Yorkshire, WF16 0AH

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Headteacher: Mr P Roberts

Heckmondwike Grammar School Academy Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales with company number 7348329.



It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that students have a valid passport and visa (if required) for the duration of the trip. The school will not be liable for any costs incurred if a student cannot travel due to issues with documentation. Please be aware that **payments are non-refundable in such cases**, and the full balance may still be due.

Expectations:

Students are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour, responsibility, and courtesy throughout the trip.

How to Apply:

To express interest and secure a possible place, we require a **deposit of £200**, payable via **ParentPay by 4pm on Friday 5 September 2025**.

If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated according to our Educational Visits selection protocol. Parents and students will be informed whether a place has been secured. Accepting the place means committing to full payment. If your child is not selected, your deposit will be refunded and they will be placed on the reserve list.

Payment Schedule:

- **Friday 5 September 2025** – £200 deposit
- **Friday 31 October 2025** – £200 interim payment
- **Friday 27 February 2026** – Final balance of £490 - £510

Please note: once the deposit is paid, you are committing to the full payment. If your child can no longer attend after this point, a refund will only be offered **if a replacement student can be found**. Any associated costs (e.g., name change fees) will be deducted from any refund. If no replacement is found, full payment will still be required.

A parent and student information evening will be held in the new academic year to provide further details.

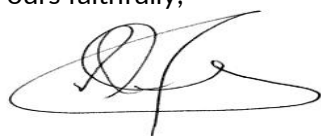
This trip is covered under the school [Charging and Remissions Policy](#). Insurance is included in the cost, and a copy of the policy is available on request. You may also choose to take out your own additional cover.

Important: our Risk Protection Assurance policy does **not** cover trip cancellation due to a positive Covid-19 test. In such cases, **no refund will be available**.

When making payment via ParentPay, you will also be prompted to give parental consent and enter essential contact and medical information securely.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: roxby@heckgrammar.co.uk

Yours faithfully,



Ross Oxby - Teacher of History and Politics