

September 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 8 & 9 visit to Krakow, Poland – Curriculum Enrichment Week Monday 4 – Thursday 7 July 2016

During our Curriculum Enrichment Week from 4 – 8 July 2016, Year 8 & 9 pupils are being offered the opportunity to take part in a visit to Krakow, Poland. The History and RE departments feel this is this will be an invaluable opportunity enabling your child to gain an understanding of the Holocaust and its impact, as well as gain a wider cultural understanding of Krakow in both the past and present. Students in Year 9 will already have some understanding of the Holocaust from their studies in both History and RE and it will prepare Year 8 students for the year ahead.

The trip will cost between £550 and £575 depending on pupil numbers and flight prices at the time of confirmation. Included in the price are return flights, transportation to and from the UK airport, insurance, 3 nights' accommodation at the Batory Hotel Annex Wygoda (or similar), excursions and half-board; students will need to bring an additional £3 - £5 per day for lunch. This price consists of a charge for board and lodging as well as a voluntary contribution for transport and entrance fees. If insufficient pupils are prepared to pay the total cost including the voluntary contribution, the trip may have to be cancelled for all pupils. If you are entitled to financial support, please contact the school in confidence before applying for the trip.

During our time in Krakow we will visit Auschwitz Birkenau Concentration Camp, Galicja Museum (where we will meet a Holocaust survivor) and a visit to Wieliczka Salt Mines (the salt deposits at Wieliczka have been mined since the 13th century and today visitors can explore over nine levels of preserved galleries. Works of art, altars and statues sculpted into the salt, provide a fascinating insight into the past of a major industrial undertaking). There will also be time to explore the local area which includes a 'Legends of Krakow' Treasure Hunt.

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in this trip, please complete the attached form and return it to the appropriate box outside the Finance Office with a **non-refundable deposit of £100 by Monday 12 October**. As places may be limited, it is important that this deadline is met. All cheques should be made payable to Beaumont School and you should ensure that your child's name and form are written clearly on the reverse. Alternatively, you can pay over the Internet. Our online payment system can be accessed via the School Portal on the front page of the Beaumont School website or at www.scopay.com/beaumont. (NB: You must still return the attached reply slip to school in order to secure a place for your child. A second payment of £200 is due by **Friday 4th December 2015** and the final balance by **Monday 14 March 2016**.)

We are happy to accept smaller instalments or to discuss a different payment schedule for parents who may find these dates difficult – please contact the Finance Office in confidence to discuss this. Could I also ask you to note that School Tour Operators do not differ from other travel companies with regard to cancellations and that cancellation fees will apply. I would like to draw your attention to the school Trips and Visits Policy, which requires that pupils participating in school visits have a good record of behaviour at school. Your son/daughter will need a valid EHIC Card and a valid individual passport. Please advise us if your child does not have an EU passport.

If the trip is oversubscribed and it proves necessary to create a selection process, places will be allocated by lottery. In the event of your son/daughter not getting a place, the deposit will of course not be processed. I am sure that this will be a very enjoyable and educationally informative experience. Please note that this trip runs from Monday to Thursday. Arrangements for Friday will be confirmed later, depending on return times. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

A Gray & C Green
Trip Coordinators