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Dear Parent/Guardian

LESSONS FROM AUSCHWITZ TRIP TO POLAND

Your child has expressed an interest in the **Lessons From Auschwitz** trip. Lessons From Auschwitz is a series of seminars, followed by a day-trip to Poland to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau, and is offered for two post-16 students each year. The trip involves the opportunity to meet Holocaust survivors, visit Auschwitz, and look at key conversations around this important topic. Students are given the opportunity to become Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors at the end of the course.

The trip is **£67 each**, including the flight fare to Poland and an emergency 10% contingency fund but **not** including transport to and from the airport or seminars. Selected students will be informed of specific costs and venues closer to the time. The Holocaust Memorial Trust also offers financial aid for some students.

The dates for each part of this trip would be as follows and students **must** attend all four parts in order to be eligible to become Holocaust Ambassadors and apply for a place:

- **Orientation Seminar:** *Sunday 24th March - 13:00-17:00* - Jewish life pre-war, testimony of a Holocaust survivor and prepare for visit to Poland. Students must provide their own transport to and from this event.
- **Visit to Poland:** *Wednesday 27th March* - guide through the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial with group discussion and reflection. Departure and arrival are same day. Students must provide their own transport to and from the airport.
- **Follow-Up Seminar:** *Tuesday 2nd April - 15:00-18:30* - A Half-day seminar enabling reflection, consider the contemporary lessons of the Holocaust and devise practical ideas for passing on the lessons. Students must provide their own transport to and from this event.
- **Next Steps Project Deadline:** *Tuesday 9th July* - Students are tasked with sharing their Lessons from Auschwitz experience with others in their school and communities. Upon completing their Next Steps, they become Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors.

As there are only two places available, students will be asked to apply for this trip by submitting a letter of application addressed to Ms Williams. The letter of application should include:

- A signed and fully complete consent slip
- A letter addressed to Ms Williams with the student's full name and tutor group clearly displayed, written in size 12 font and no more than 500 words.
- The letter should contain an answer to the questions:
 - Why is it important to study the Holocaust?
 - Why am I the best candidate for this trip? (Prompts: Personal interest, further career options, heritage and family history, university courses etc.)

The deadline for letters of applications and consent slips is **1st March 2019**.



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A second letter will be issued informing you on whether your child has obtained a place on the trip. At this point, the full amount of £67 will be due to pay. From this point, the cost is non-refundable. Please do not send a cheque or deposit with this reply slip.

As I hope you can appreciate, academy trips are a privilege for students and attendance will also be considered when allocating places. We reserve the right to remove your child from the trip at our discretion, academy expectations must always be followed on the trip.

The main details of this trip are:

- **Dates:** Seminars on Sunday 24th March and Tuesday 2nd April. Day trip to Poland on 27th March.
- **Travel:** Students are expected to make their own arrangements for travel to seminars and the airport, but airfare to Poland and coach from the airport to Auschwitz-Birkenau is included.
- **Food:** Students are expected to make their own arrangements for food for seminars and the day trip to Poland.
- **Clothing:** Students should remember that the average temperature for Poland is 8°C during late March/early April, and that they should dress accordingly in warm coats.
- **Provider:** The Holocaust Memorial Trust
- **Letter of Application and Reply Slip: 1st March** (Notifications of Places: 4th March, Payment Deadline: 7th March)

Thank you for your interest in this trip and good luck to all the applicants!

Yours sincerely



Ms K Williams (Party Leader)

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Return to Ms Williams - OG3 by 1st March

I would like my son/daughter to be considered for the Lessons from Auschwitz trip. I understand that once a cost of the trip has been paid, it is non-refundable.

Child's name..... Tutor Group.....

Parent/Guardian signature.....

Date.....