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November 2025

**GCSE History residential
Berlin, Germany
5-8 October 2026**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am pleased to be able to offer our GCSE History students a residential visit to Berlin. The tour will be leaving college on Monday 5 October 2026 and returning on Thursday 8 October 2026. The exact timings will be confirmed at a later date.

The cost of the tour will be in the region of **£675** which includes accommodation (half board), UK transfers from FCC, flights from Birmingham airport, luggage sized 45 x 36 x 20cm, transport while in Berlin, travel insurance and entrance to all historic sites and museums. The cost will depend on demand for places on the trip and economies of scales associated with the size of the group.

During the visit, the following excursions are planned:

- Brandenburg Gate
- Checkpoint Charlie
- Reichstag parliament building rooftop terrace and glass dome
- Guided Tour of the Berlin Wall Memorial
- Alexanderplatz
- TV Tower
- Guided Tour of the DDR Museum
- Guided tour of the Stasi Prison (Hohenschonhausen Memorial)
- Guided tour of the Stasi Museum (previous Stasi headquarters)
- Potsdamer Platz

We will be staying at Generator Alexanderplatz. Typically, the students will room in groups of 2 - 6. All rooms have ensuite facilities.

The tour represents an excellent opportunity for students to enrich their learning experience.

It is unfortunate that we can only take 40 students. Therefore, places are allocated at random. If your child is not allocated a place on the visit, they will be placed on a reserve list. However, FCC reserves the



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right not to accept students on this trip who do not show good levels of behaviour and co-operation in college. Good attendance is also a requirement for acceptance on the trip.

Once your child has been allocated a place on the visit, they will be given a letter confirming this with further details regarding payments. If your child wishes to withdraw from the trip at any time, the outstanding payments must be met unless we are able to allocate the space to another student.

Please note that all students taking part in this visit must have their own passport. In addition, each child must have either a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), or Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC), or a valid health insurance if they are not a permanent resident of the EU. Any travel visas, where necessary, must be organised by the parents including ETIAS.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY NOW AS PAYMENT WILL BE MADE THROUGH YOUR PARENTPAY ACCOUNT. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN TO DO THIS. PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE REGISTERED WITH PARENTPAY AND YOUR DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE.

Voluntary contributions will be sought from parents in support of activities for which the school has to pay. However, there is no legal obligation on parents to contribute and children will be treated the same whether or not parents are able, or choose not to contribute. However, if not enough contributions are made, the activity may have to be cancelled.

Financial assistance is available if you are in financial hardship and by special arrangement with the school.

If you would like your child to take part in this experience, please express interest by completing the online form before 9am Tuesday 25 November [Initial interest - Berlin 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B Guy
Visit Organiser



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