MOULSHAM HIGH SCHOOL
Specialising in English and Humanities
Headteacher – **Miss J Mead**

November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Berlin Visit – Year 12

The History Department is delighted to announce an exciting educational visit to Berlin for our A Level History students studying the Cold War. Berlin provides a unique opportunity for students to experience first-hand many of the locations that played a central role in one of the most significant periods of modern history.

Throughout the visit, students will have the opportunity to explore historical sites including sections of the Berlin Wall, the East Side Gallery, Checkpoint Charlie, and a range of museums and memorials that illustrate the political, social and human impact of Germany's division between East and West. The trip has been designed to enhance students' understanding of key topics covered in the A Level specification.

By visiting these sites, students will gain valuable insight into the realities of life in divided Berlin, the tensions between the Soviet Union and the Western powers, and the events that led to the eventual end of the Cold War. Students who choose not to attend will not be disadvantaged in their studies or their opportunities for examination success.

The trip is open to all A Level History students and will run from Sunday 18th July to Tuesday 20th July 2027. We will travel by coach and plane to Germany, where the group will stay in Berlin.

The total cost of this trip is £799.00 per student. This cost covers transport, entry fees and insurance (a copy of the insurance policy is available from the school on request). This contribution is voluntary; however, if insufficient contributions are received and the trip becomes financially non-viable, the visit will be cancelled.

Should you feel that, for financial reasons, you are unable to fund all or part of the trip, please contact the Finance Department at the school.

The trip is limited to 22 places and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To confirm a place, please provide parental consent and a deposit of £200 via ParentPay no later than Monday 14th December 2026. Please note that the final balance must be paid by Tuesday 4th May 2027.

Please refer to the attached draft itinerary for further information about the trip.

As this visit is overseas, we will require each student to have their own passport and a GHIC card. Passports and GHIC cards will be collected at the information evening in June to complete our final checks and will then be stored securely in the school safe.

The school reserves the right to refuse to accept payment or to withdraw this offer where there is reason to believe that a student's participation may adversely affect the safety, welfare or good conduct of the trip. Should the school cancel the visit for any reason, a full refund will be made. However, all monies paid are non-refundable should you subsequently cancel your child's place.

Should you have any queries regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via admin@moulshamhigh.org.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Flatt

Head of Humanities

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MOULSHAM HIGH SCHOOL 3-DAY BERLIN COLD WAR TOUR
DRAFT ITINERARY SUNDAY 18th TO TUESDAY 20th JULY 2027

Baggage	Priority 2 Cabin bags: 1 x small under seat bag (40x30x20cm) & 1 x 10kg bag (55x40x20cm)	**German Coach Operator**	TBC
Booking Reference(s)	TBC	**German Coach Size**	TBC
Departure Date	18.07.2027	**Departure from School**	TBC
Inbound Flight	Tue 20 Jul 27 / Flight No. FR146 / BER / 1600 / STN / 1650		
No. of Guides	1	**UK Coach Size**	TBC
No. of Staff	3	**UK Coach Operator**	TBC
No. of Students	22	**Itinerary Details**	A2684607 / HCR / 05.11.26 / V2
Outbound Flights	Sun 18 Jul 27 / Flight No. FR145 / STN / 0605 / BER / 0850		
Return Date	20.07.2027	**Return to School**	TBC
Total Passengers	26	**Pickup Address**	As above

Day 1 - Sunday 18th July 2027

Coach arrives at the school.

(Transfer coach booked by the school or Anglia at an additional cost.)

Depart for London Stansted Airport.

03:00 Arrive at Stansted Airport, checked in and in possession of digital boarding passes.

Meet guide (either at the airport or in Berlin) - TBC.

06:05 Outbound Ryanair flight departs for Berlin Brandenburg Airport (subject to availability).

08:50 Arrive in Berlin and transfer to the accommodation via public transport.

Arrive at the accommodation to drop off bags - Generator Berlin Mitte (TBC).

Transfer to the city centre via public transport to begin a walking tour, which may include:

Reichstag

Democracy to dictatorship; the Battle for Berlin; from Cold War division to reunification.

Brandenburg Gate

The symbol of Berlin; the backdrop to political changes in Germany; from the Spartacist Revolt to Nazi parades and the building of the Berlin Wall.

Soviet War Memorial, Tiergarten

Soviet 'liberation' and occupation of Berlin; why is it here? What does the memorial say about the Soviet attitude towards Germany and the Great Patriotic War?

Führerbunker

Description of the former buildings which stood on this site; what was the Führerbunker? Der Untergang and the end of the Thousand-Year Reich.

Berlin Wall Documentation Centre, Bernauer Strasse

A preserved section of the Berlin Wall with an aerial view of the surrounding area. The division of Germany; the Berlin Airlift; the establishment of the GDR and FRG; the exodus of East Germans to the West; the origins, purpose and nature of the Wall; and individual stories.

Alexanderplatz

The heart of former East Berlin; Soviet-era architecture and murals.

18:30 Dinner in a restaurant - TBC.

Depart for the accommodation.

Briefing for Day 2, as required.

Day 2 - Monday 19th July 2027

08:30 Depart the accommodation with packed lunches via public transport.

09:40 The Stasi Prison, Hohenschönhausen (subject to availability)

Guided tour covering the role of the Ministry for State Security (Stasi) in East Germany, together with its methods of interrogation and purpose.

Treptow Park Soviet Memorial

The significance of Berlin to the Soviets and the scale of their losses. Mother Russia and the Soviet Liberator. Relief carvings showing events of the Great Patriotic War. The purpose of the memorial park, Soviet propaganda, and its place today.

East Side Gallery

The longest remaining section of the Berlin Wall; murals; an excellent photo opportunity and chance to buy souvenirs.

Berlin Unterwelten (time permitting, subject to availability)

A range of excellent guided tours exploring sites beneath the city, including:

- Subways
- Bunkers
- Cold War Civil Defence Shelters
- Nuclear Bunkers

OR

German Spy Museum (subject to availability)

Dinner in a restaurant - TBC.

DDR Museum (subject to availability)

An excellent interactive museum focusing on everyday life in East Germany. A chance to sit in a Trabi, try on the 'latest fashions', and see how East Germans spent their holidays.

Depart for the accommodation.

Briefing for Day 3, as required.

Day 3 - Tuesday 20th July 2027

Depart the accommodation with packed lunches for a tour by public transport.

Checkpoint Charlie (site only, time permitting)

The building of the Berlin Wall; Cold War flashpoints and the tank standoff of October 1961. What was Checkpoint Charlie? Wall stories, an excellent photo opportunity, and a chance to buy souvenirs.

Alexanderplatz

An opportunity for shopping and free time prior to the transfer to the airport.

Return to the accommodation to collect luggage and transfer to Berlin Brandenburg Airport via public transport.

13:30 Arrive at Berlin Brandenburg Airport in possession of digital boarding passes.

16:00 Inbound Ryanair flight departs for the UK (subject to availability).

16:50 Flight arrives at Stansted Airport (local time).

Coach transfer under the school's own arrangements.

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