

Dear Parent/Guardian

**RE: Polish Self Development Trip, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

We have created an exciting enrichment opportunity for Year 1 students at Dixons Sixth Form Academy. The aim of the visit is to provide students with an experience that will develop them emotionally, intellectually and physically. The emotional challenge is a guided tour (in English) of Auschwitz, an infamous Second World War concentration and death camp. The physical challenge is a moderately strenuous day trek in the foothills of the Tatras Mountains near the town of Zakopane and the intellectual challenge is a visit to the Wieliczka Salt Mines. This is a non-compulsory residential which has a capacity of up to 63 students.

This educational visit will be highly beneficial for all the students that take part in it regardless of subjects studied and the trip to Auschwitz alone makes this an opportunity to be seized.

**Day one**

We will depart from Bradford in the morning to catch a ferry from Dover to Calais. We will travel onwards to Poland in the early hours of the following morning. Travel will be by executive coach which is equipped with a toilet, USB charging points and air conditioning. A packed lunch will be provided by the College and students will be able to bring additional food as well as purchase food on the journey.

**Day two**

We will continue travelling to Poland. We should arrive at Bialka Tatrzańska (which is a small ski resort village in the South of Poland), check into our hotel, take part in an activity and enjoy an evening meal at a local Pizza restaurant.

**Day three**

Students will have breakfast in the hotel and make a packed lunch for the day. They will then travel to Auschwitz where they will have a 3.5 hour guided tour in English. Auschwitz – Birkenau is a UNESCO World Heritage status site of historical and cultural importance. This excursion will be followed by an evening meal in our hotel.

**Day four**

After breakfast at the hotel, we will depart for Zakopane, a small tourist town. There will be an opportunity for shopping and sightseeing before all students undertake an excursion in the Tatras mountains. There will be different levels of treks available to suit all fitness and ability levels. This will be followed by an evening meal in a restaurant.

**Day five**

After breakfast at the hotel, students will check out before travelling to Wieliczka. There will be a chance to visit the town before visiting the Wieliczka Salt Mines. There is a three-hour tour of the mines with an English speaking guide. The Salt Mines also have UNESCO World heritage status and as well as being intellectually stimulating are rated the number one tourist attraction in Poland. We will then have a final meal in Poland before departing for the UK.

**Cost**

The cost of this trip is £450 per student and can be paid via ParentPay. For students in receipt of a Sixth Form Bursary the cost of this trip could be partly subsidised – students can use the bursary against part of the expenses of two trips within the academic year. The payment structure will be four payments, one of £150 and three of £100, with further details on ParentPay.

**Accommodation**

Students will be accommodated in single sex rooms of 2 to 4 students in a 3 star hotel in Białka Tatrzańska.

**Travel**

Travel will be by executive coach complete with multiscreen DVD player and USB charging stations and by cross channel ferry between Dover and Calais.



## Food

Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them for day one. There will also be opportunities to purchase food at service stations and on the ferry. All food while in Poland is included in the cost of the trip. All dietary requirements will be catered for.

## Money

Polish money (złoty) will only be needed for gift shops or snacks while in Poland. For buying food from service stations on the continent, Euros will be required.

## Insurance

Students and staff have full medical insurance. For personal belongings students should take out separate travel insurance if they wish these to be covered.

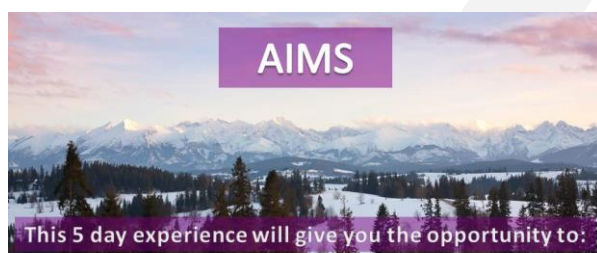
## Student eligibility

This trip is suitable for all students. Please complete the attached consent form by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December and hand in to reception. Alongside this you also need to complete the information on ParentPay and pay the first instalment payment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via my email [rbest@dixons6a.com](mailto:rbest@dixons6a.com)

Kind Regards

  
Mr M Rothery  
Principal



- ☒ Develop greater empathy
- ☒ Try new things
- ☒ Test yourself
- ☒ Learn and adventure



### PARENTAL/CARER CONSENT FORM

This form is to be completed in full by the parent/carer and returned to reception by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Student full name: ..... Date of Birth: .....

Progress Tutor: .....

I agreed to my son/daughter/ward taking part in the above stated visit and having read the information letter, agree to his/her participation in the activities described. I acknowledge the need for good conduct and responsible behaviour on his/her part.

#### EMERGENCY DETAILS

- a) I agree to my son/daughter being given any medical, surgical or dental treatment, including general anaesthetic and blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.
- b) I may be contacted by telephoning the following number(s):

Home	
Work	
Mobile	

Address:

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Family doctor (Name, address and telephone number):

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## DECLARATION BY PARENT/CARER

- ◆ I have read the attached information provided about the proposed educational visit and insurance arrangements.
- ◆ I consent to my son/daughter taking part in the visit, and, having read the information letter, declare them to be in good health and physically able to participate in all the activities mentioned.
- ◆ I have noted where and when the students are to be returned and I understand that I am responsible for my son/daughter getting home safely from that place.
- ◆ I am aware of the levels of insurance cover.
- ◆ I will ensure that any change in the circumstances (e.g. recent medication or injury) which will affect my son/daughter's participation in the visit will be notified to the Sixth Form prior to the visit.

Name of parent/carer (in block capitals)	
Signature of Parent/Carer	
Date	

**(N.B. Parental/Carer consent required for all students aged 17 and under)**

