



LW04AT

November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

GCSE Religious Studies Trip to Poland- Tuesday 30 September 2025 to Friday 3 October 2025

The Religious Studies department are planning to take Religious Studies students to Poland for 4 days, 3 nights. The trip is aimed at current Year 10 GCSE students with the focus being on Paper 2 Study of a second Religion Judaism. There are 40 places available.

The cost of this 4 days (3 nights) trip will be £879, which includes:

- Coach travel from WKGS to Manchester airport and return
- Return scheduled flights with Easy Jet
- Full board accommodation. Students will share a double, twin, or triple room equipped with Wi-Fi, satellite TV, en-suite bathroom.
- Insurance will be the school's own school journey insurance, used on other international trips arranged by WKGS and supported by the UK government (RPA).
- Admission to extra museums on the tour.
- Visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau (with coach hire)
- Guided Walking Tour of Kazimierz Jewish Quarter
- Galicia Jewish Museum including meeting with a Holocaust survivor
- Wieliczka Salt Mines (with coach hire)
- Schindler's Factory – Guided Tour
- Traditional Evening Jewish Meal in Kazimierz
- Lunch box/packed lunch except on the days travelling to and from Poland.

Final arrangements about departure times and flights are yet to be finalised and will be communicated to you at a future date.

This trip will be open to any student studying GCSE Religious Studies. This is a **non-compulsory** trip. Please also be aware that because this is an extracurricular trip that it is usually not possible for the school to provide financial assistance.

INSURANCE

Students will be covered by the school's travel insurance policy. If your child/ward has a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) that will still be in date during the trip, they will be able to use this. If they do not, you will need to apply for Global Health Insurance Card on the NHS website. If you are reading the electronic version of this letter, you will find the address on the following link:

[Applying for healthcare cover abroad \(GHIC and EHIC\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

We have an extensive insurance policy but these cards allow for quick and easy access to healthcare in the unfortunate event it becomes necessary.

EUROPEAN VISA WAIVER (ETIAS)

The **European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS)** is a visa waiver system which will come into effect in 2025. All UK visitors to Poland will, therefore, need to complete the ETIAS online application and



obtain an approved ETIAS visa waiver before entering the country, unless they are travelling on a passport from a Schengen area country. Currently, no charge is made for minors applying for the ETIAS visa waiver. More details will be sent to parents once the system has been fully introduced. The visa waiver will be processed quickly online for most applicants, provided that they are travelling on a passport from an eligible country. Further information can be found at: [ETIAS Visa Waiver | European Travel Authorisation System](#). UK passport holders should not have spent more than 90 days in the previous 180 days in a Schengen area country.

PAYMENTS

Deposit

A deposit of **£200** is required by Select School Tours and I would ask you to ensure that this is paid **by Monday 9 December**. Payments should be made via Scopay. Your online payment serves as both consent and confirmation of updated emergency contact details. Contact details can be checked/updated via your Arbor app. Please ensure you provide any appropriate addition information directly to myself (staff organising trip). Please note, the trip is limited to 40 students.

2nd Payment

A second payment of **£200** will be due by **Friday 7 February 2025**.

3rd Payment

A third Insta of **£200** is required by **Monday 31 March 2025**.

Payment of Balance

The final payment of **£279** must be received by **Saturday 14 June 2025**.

Please also complete the attached slip giving passport information (even if expired) and return it to Mrs Wakefield once payment of the deposit has been made. Please ensure that the passport being used for travel is valid for at least 3 months after the day we leave Poland; it should therefore be valid until at least 3rd January 2026.

Please also complete the online slip and medical form using the link which will be emailed to your child/ward following payment. Should you drop out then we reserve the right to keep this deposit until a replacement is found or an agreement with the insurers to cover the cost has been reached. Students on the trip will be expected to participate in the activities and also be able to eat the good food provided. It is possible to cater for vegetarians and other dietary requirements.

Yours sincerely

L Wakefield

Mrs L Wakefield
Head of Religious Studies

The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the school will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.



Passport information form: Religious Studies trip to Poland – September/October 2025

Name (as it appears on passport)	
Date of Birth	
Country of Issue	
Nationality as listed on passport	
Date of issue	
Expiry date	

Please return this form to Mrs L Wakefield once the first deposit has been made.