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RE: Transition Year School Tour, Krakow, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to inform you that this year, we are offering a trip abroad for our T.Y students. This is an optional trip. The destination of this year's School Tour will be Krakow, Poland. This is an excellent opportunity for students to experience this beautiful region and learn about the history of Auschwitz and Poland.

DATE OF TOUR:

Saturday, 25th February 2023 – Tuesday, 28th February 2023.

TOUR COST INCLUDES:

Dublin/Krakow return on scheduled airline services.

- One small item of hand luggage (40x20x25cm).
- One item of luggage per person (10kg).
- 3 nights B&B hotel accommodation in Krakow.
- 3 evening meals served at the hotel.
- Coach transfers on arrival and departure.
- Exclusive use of luxury coach for the duration of your tour (within EU drivers' regulations).
- Guided sightseeing tour of Krakow.
- Entrance and a guided tour of Wieliczka Salt mines.
- Entrance and guided tour of Auschwitz (subject to availability).
- Entrance to St Mary's Church & Wawel Cathedral.
- Entrance to Aqua Park Wodny.
- Game of Bowling.
- Fully comprehensive insurance cover.
- Emergency number while abroad.

(Itinerary may be subject to change)

COST OF TOUR:

The cost of the tour will be approximately **€595**.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

The tour company's **schedule of payments is as follows:**

- An initial deposit of €200 (**non-refundable**) is due **Monday, 26th September 2022** (This payment will be used to book the flights).
- 2nd Payment - €100 is due **Friday, 11th November 2022**.

- The remaining balance can be paid in as many instalments as you wish.
- The **total cost must be paid 10 weeks before the departure date.**

A student's place on the tour is conditional until all payments have been received by the tour company.

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply for a place on the tour students are required to:

- Submit completed application forms to **Ms. Connery in person (Room 6 in B1)** by **2pm** on **Tuesday, 20th September 2022.**
- As places are limited, applicants will be drawn at random and the first 54 students out of the draw will receive a booking code which will allow their parents/guardians to pay the deposit online.
- To secure the flights, the first deposit (€200) is to be paid directly to the school tour company by **Monday, 26th September 2022** using the booking code. Failure to pay by this date will result in the student losing their place on the tour. This place will then be offered to the next student on the waiting list.
- The remaining cost of the tour will be paid directly to the tour company according to their payment schedule.

Places are limited so a draw will be made to determine who will be going on the tour. Students will be informed of their place on the list once the draw has been completed.

Applications will be reviewed by the relevant school authorities. A student's suitability to travel will be taken into consideration before a place can be confirmed on the tour i.e., behaviour, medical conditions, attendance, emotional/physiological well-being, physical health and relevant health and safety concerns.

PLEASE NOTE:

It is **vital** that the name supplied on the application form **exactly matches** the name on the **student's passport** as this information will be used to book the flights.

Parents/Guardians should also be aware of their duty to inform the school of any relevant health and safety issues which may affect their child/children or the tour team while on tour.

The offer of a place on the tour remains conditional until the date of travel.

Abbey Community College's code of behaviour will apply on this tour.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the tour leaders, Ms. Doherty / Ms. Connery, or any member of the tour team.

We look forward to a safe and enjoyable tour.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms. Doherty & Ms. Connery
Tour Leaders