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**Senior Cycle History: Overnight Trip to Northern Ireland, Derry and Belfast
from 6th – 8th November 2024**

Dear Parent/Guardian

Firstly, we wish to thank you for your payment of €150 to confirm your child's place on this trip. We are delighted to be able to facilitate this tour, which promises to be a cultural and educational experience for our History students. With final numbers confirmed, we are now able to share an overview of the itinerary details of the trip:

Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Depart School for journey to Derry.	Guided tour of the Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall. Visit the Museum of Free Derry.	Check in to your hotel.
Derry City Walking Tour before transfer to Belfast.	Visit the Stormont Parliament Building and W5 Interactive Science Discovery Centre.	Check in to your hotel.
Some free time in Belfast before transfer back to school.		

As set out in our previous letter, the price was contingent on filling all the places on the tour. As a small number of bus seats were not filled this has caused a slight mark up in the original quote to €338 (from the original quote of €329). We have worked closely with our tour operators to keep the price as close as possible to the original quote with some success but unfortunately, due to student numbers, this remaining difference was unavoidable.

Subsequently, the remaining cost due per student is €188. This is due by the 25th October. (Parents / Guardians who have paid alternative amounts should take that into consideration before making final payments; if you need an update on the sum due, please contact us)
All payments including the deposit are non-refundable.

As before, all payments are to be made directly to the tour company. To make final payments to NST, our tour operator, please see the NST letter attached below.

There will be a meeting for all students attending the trip next week; they will be informed about expectations based on our Code of Behaviour and dress-code. They will also be informed about forms that must be completed by you at home, including a consent form and a medical information form (links will be text out to you early next week)

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

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 wellbeing, physical health and relevant health and safety concerns.

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.

Should you require any further information, please contact us at info@abbeycommunitycollege.com referencing Ms. Rebecca Buggy or Mr. Peter Butler.

Kind regards,

The ACC History Department
Abbey Community College



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USING THE NST ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL **Important Information for Parents**

Group Details

Group Details	
Establishment Name:	Abbey Community College
Tour Reference:	492677
Group Leader:	Ms. Rebecca Buggy

Online Payment Process

In order to make the payment online you will need to have this letter to hand plus details of the amount to be paid – the teacher in charge of the trip will confirm this amount.

1. Please enter <https://www.nst.ie/online-payment> in your internet browser address bar (**please do not use a search engine search box**)
2. Check you are on the nst.ie website.
3. Complete the form ensuring you enter the passenger name as per their passport. Please also copy the Tour Reference and the Establishment Name exactly as it appears in this letter.
4. Read the terms & conditions. Click to accept
5. Complete the payment form with your card details
6. Print or e-mail your receipt as proof of payment

If your payment is not authorised, you will be notified with a “transaction failed” message. No monies will be taken on a failed transaction. Please re-try to make the payment or contact your bank for further information.