

Headmaster: Mr M Jones BA MEd

20 October 2023

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## Year 9 German Language and Cultural Trip to Rhineland – 24 to 27 September 2024

The German Department would like to offer their Year 9 students the opportunity to take part in a residential visit to the historic and beautiful area of Rhineland in the West of Germany from **Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 September 2024.** 

PLEASE NOTE: To give equal opportunity for parents/carers to apply for a place on this trip for their child, we are sending out this information in advance of WisePay opening for payments at 10.00am on Wednesday 1 November. Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The aim of the trip is to motivate students in their language learning by giving them the opportunity to use the German they learn this year, as well as to find out more about German culture. We will be offering cultural activities such as visits to local attractions, as well as tasks to improve their linguistic skills. Students will be accompanied on all these activities by teachers from Parmiter's School.

The cost of the trip will be approximately £655, depending on numbers, and will cover all travel, 3 nights' half board in youth hostel accommodation (includes breakfast and evening meals) and entry to all day and evening activities. These activities are likely to include Cologne Cathedral, the Lindt Chocolate Museum, the Sport & Olympic Museum and a boat trip along the Rhine river, amongst others. Students will require some spending money, as they will need to purchase their own lunches each day and any other refreshments.

Students will be given further information in an assembly on Monday 6 November.

The payment schedule is outlined below:

Amount	Payment Due Date
£155 (Deposit)	Monday 6 November 2023
£110	Monday 18 December 2023
£195	Wednesday 28 February 2024
£195	Friday 29 March 2024
£655	Total cost of Trip

This price also covers insurance for Covid related issues through Rayburn Tours. Full details of this guarantee are available here.





If you would like to apply for a place on this trip for your child, please make the **non-refundable** deposit payment of £155 via **WisePay** (under Trips & Visits) and complete the <u>Medical Form</u> by **Monday 6 November.** 

Please note that, as per entry requirements in Germany, if you are travelling on a UK passport then your passport must be valid for at least 3 months after Friday 27 September 2024.

By paying, you are consenting to your child taking part in the above school trip. May we take this opportunity to reiterate that this payment fully commits your child to the trip and no refunds will be given if your child pulls out, except as a direct and necessary result of any cause outside of the student's control (for example, if required to self-isolate in line with government guidance or serious illness/injury). If your child subsequently decides not to take part in the visit, you will lose all monies paid to date unless a replacement student can be found to fill the place. We reserve the right to remove any student from the trip if the above payment schedule is not met.

The safety and well-being of the students is our prime consideration. We hope this will be a successful and enjoyable trip that gives your child the best possible start to their study of the German language. Therefore, in the lead-up to the trip, all places will be subject to the lead teacher's satisfaction that the student is a suitable representative of the school. Students who do not conform to the school's <a href="Behaviour policy">Behaviour policy</a> during this time will forfeit their place and any monies already paid. During the trip, if your child fails to meet the behaviour expectations, then you will be asked to make arrangements for your child to return from Rhineland at your own expense.

Yours sincerely

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Trip Organiser and Teacher in Charge of German