

6 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 9 German Language and Cultural Trip to Rhineland – Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 September 2026

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 15 to Friday 18 September 2026**.

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.

Students have already been given information about this trip.

PLEASE NOTE: To give parents/carers equal opportunity 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 **8.00pm on Wednesday 12 November**. Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The cost of the trip will be approximately **£665**, depending on numbers, and will cover all travel, three 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.**

The payment schedule is outlined below:

Amount	Payment Due Date
£125 (Deposit)	Friday 21 November
£200	Friday 30 January
£170	Friday 27 February
£170	Monday 30 March
£665	Total cost of Trip

This also covers insurance through Rayburn Tours. Full details of this guarantee are available [here](#).

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 18 September 2026. You will also need to apply for an ETIAS, which you can do [here](#). For children under the age of 18, it is free.

If you would like to apply for a place on this trip for your child, please make the **non-refundable** deposit payment of **£125** via [WisePay](#) (under Trips & Visits) and complete the [Medical Form](#) by **Friday 21 November**.

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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 [Behaviour policy](#) 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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Perkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'T' and a clear 'Perkins'.

Mr T Perkins

Trip Organiser and Teacher in Charge of German