Parmiter's School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 9 German Language and Cultural Trip to Rhineland - Tuesday 14 to Friday 17 September 2027 Expression of Interest

The German Department would like to offer Year 9 students the opportunity to take part in a residential trip to visit the historic and beautiful region of Rhineland in Germany from **Tuesday 14 to Friday 17 September 2027**.

The aim of this visit is to motivate students in their language learning by giving them the opportunity to use the German they learn in lessons, 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 **£680**, depending on numbers, and will cover all travel, three nights in hotel accommodation including breakfast and entry to all day and evening activities. These are likely to include **Cologne Cathedral, the Lindt Chocolate Museum, Marksburg Caslte, the Sport & Olympic Museum and a boat trip along the Rhine river**, amongst others.

Many students return from residential visits with increased self-confidence, stronger social skills and a greater willingness to embrace new challenges both in and out of the classroom.

If your child would be interested in taking part in this trip, please complete the Expression of Interest Form by no later than **Monday 9 November 2026**. **Places are limited and completing this form does not guarantee your child a place.** ***Unlike previous years, places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis.***

If the number of students wishing to attend exceeds the number of places available, a reserve list will be held. We regret that, should a place not be offered to your child, no discussion will be entered into as to why that decision has been made.

If your child is allocated a place on the trip, a **non-refundable deposit of £150** will need to be paid by **no later than Friday 13 November** to secure your child's place. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the place being withdrawn and offered to the next student on the list. A payment schedule will be provided, in due course, for those students who are offered a place on the trip.

The safety and well-being of the students is our prime consideration. We hope that this will be a successful and enjoyable trip, 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 to collect your child from Germany at your own expense and participation in future residential trips will be at risk.

We strongly encourage students to consider taking part in this fantastic opportunity. The combination of culture, history and access to the German language makes this a truly memorable experience that students will benefit from for years to come.

Yours sincerely

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