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Dear Parent/Carer

### **German Christmas Market/Educational Visit to Aachen & Cologne**

I am very pleased to announce details of the German trip to Aachen for students of German in year 8 which will take place in December 2015. The trip is aimed at all learners of German currently in year 7. The visit will bring to life the German they have already studied and enhance their language learning, as well as giving learners an insight into a key cultural aspect of German life.

The 5 day visit will take place from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015. It will be a valuable educational experience for students of German as well as an enriching and enjoyable social and cultural experience.

Accommodation is at the Deutsche Jugendherberge in Aachen (or similar), details of which can be found at <http://www.jugendherberge.de/de-de/jugendherbergen/aachen434/portraet>. It offers comfortable, secure accommodation and educational facilities. Your child will stay in shared rooms for 2 to 4 students with en suite. All meals are included in the cost of the trip except for those required on the outward journey, ie lunch.

Each day there will be classroom based activities, although the bulk of each day will be spent on excursions. During the trip, excursions will include a visit to the Christmas markets in Aachen, shopping visits to various Christmas markets in Cologne, an introduction to the history of chocolate at the *must visit* Chocolate museum with its freestanding chocolate fountain and a tour of the magnificent *Kölner Dom* that survived much of the Allied bombing during the Second World War. Although badly damaged, it nevertheless remained standing in an otherwise completely flattened city. At the present time, other excursions in the region are planned and information of these will be shared once details have been confirmed.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £395 which will cover full board accommodation, travel, insurance, and all entrance fees and excursions for the planned activities. I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute. The full levels of cover and terms and conditions for the insurance will be available on the school website in due course.

In order to guarantee a place on the trip we need to receive an initial deposit of £70 by **Friday 24th April 2015** together with the attached slip and consent form. Payments should be made online or by cheque made payable to Sackville School. Please also indicate on the slip if your child has his/her own valid **UK** passport. We need to know this information so that we can organise a collective passport if necessary.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any further queries about the trip.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Thompson  
**MFL Teacher**



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To Mrs Baldwin

Child's name .....

Form .....

I have paid £70 online/I enclose a cheque for £70 made payable to Sackville School for the initial deposit (please delete as appropriate).

My child does/does not have his/her own **UK** passport.

Signed ..... Parent/Carer

Parent/Carer name .....

