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Dear Parent/Carer

Visit to Berlin, Germany
KS4 German, 7th – 11th February 2015

We would like to take this occasion to inform you of an exciting opportunity for your child. We would like to ask your child to participate in a 5 day visit to Berlin in February 2015 either as part of his/her preparation for the KS4 German course or as an opportunity for language enrichment for those who have studied German over the last three years. This is an ideal trip also for those who are currently considering taking their German by the end of KS4. The itinerary involves visits and activities relevant to German and is constructed around the study needs of all students. The trip will be led by specialist German teachers who have a good working knowledge of Berlin.

Our visit to Berlin will incorporate cultural and linguistic events. We will visit the main historical sites such as the Check Point Charlie Museum, the Brandenburg Gate, the Holocaust Memorial site and have a guided tour of the new Reichstag building which includes stunning panoramic views of Berlin from the famous Dome at the top of the building. All visits on the trip will allow students to practise some of the language they have learnt previously or will have prepared in class. Tasks will be given to students that are specifically related to the syllabus, and will prepare them for their KS4 German oral and/or written examinations. For all students, the trip will enhance cultural and linguistic knowledge and offer work experience opportunities abroad at a later date, if desired.

Travel details and cost of trip

Details are attached of the cost of the trip and eligibility for participation. All students will require a **valid passport** and an **EHIC Card**. This replaces the old form E111 which is no longer valid. This can be applied for on-line at www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyandGuidance/HealthAdviceforTravellers/fs/en.

The total cost of the trip **will not exceed** £430 which can be paid in instalments.

We appreciate this is a large amount of money but we do believe the trip will be very beneficial and will offer a wide variety of relevant linguistic and cultural experiences in a city steeped in history.

If you would like your child to participate, please return the parent's consent form to the finance office as soon as possible, enclosing a **non-refundable deposit of £80** (cheques made payable to Sackville School); alternatively you can pay online. **We request you send in a deposit NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 27TH JUNE 2014 so we can qualify for an early booking discount from the travel company and hopefully reduce the price of the trip slightly.**

Please note that we are limited to taking 30 students and places will be given on a first come, first served basis, although priority may be given to those studying German in year 10.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Thompson or Mrs Valentine.

Yours sincerely

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KS4 German Visit To Berlin, Germany 2015

Criteria for participation:

All students who currently study German in year 9 and with an exemplary attendance and behaviour record.

Dates: 7th – 11th February 2015

Transport: Return flights to Berlin and transfers to/from the airport.

All transport on Berlin underground, buses, coach and boats included.

Accommodation: Bed, breakfast and most evening meals in a 2* hotel in central Berlin. All rooms have en-suite facilities.

Food: All breakfasts/lunches and evening meals included.

Visits: All costs of visits and workshops to sites included in price.

Provisional itinerary (which is subject to change):

Saturday 7th February

Depart Sackville first thing.

Arrive accommodation; safety procedures.

Evening activity.

Sunday 8th February

Lessons in morning.

Morning visit to the Holocaust Memorial site and Brandenburg Gate.

Afternoon visit and tour of the *Reichstag*.

Evening activity.

Monday 9th February

Lessons in morning.

Morning: Visit and tour of *Topography of Terror* museum.

Afternoon: Visit to *Kurfürstendamm* shopping district.

Evening activity.

Tuesday 10th February

Day activities (TBC).

Wednesday 11th February

Depart for home journey.

Cost: not exceeding **£430**, to be paid in instalments.

