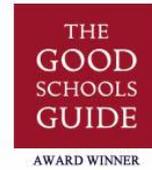




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June 2019

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 9 which will take place in December 2019. The trip is aimed at all learners of German currently in year 8. 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 14th December 2019 to Wednesday 18th December 2019. 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.

A booklet will be provided to help the students get by in German independently, but 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. We will also have the opportunity to spend the day at the *Phantasialand* theme park; another popular tourist destination. At the present time, other excursions in the region are being planned and information of these will be shared once details have been confirmed.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £420 which will cover full board accommodation, travel 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. In the unlikely event that a student has to be removed from the visit due to poor behaviour, we reserve the right not to refund the voluntary contribution associated with this visit. Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our website at <https://sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/parents/school-trip-insurance/>

In order to guarantee a place on the trip we need to receive an initial deposit of £100 by **Friday 21st June 2019** together with the attached slip. Payments should be made online. If the trip is oversubscribed there will be a ballot. Please also note that your child will need a valid **UK** passport.

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

Yours sincerely

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To: Mrs Cave, Finance office

German Christmas Market/Educational Visit to Aachen & Cologne

Student's name: _____ Form: _____

I would like my child to participate in the visit to Germany in December 2019.

I have paid the initial deposit £100 online.

Parent/care name (please sign) _____

Parent/Carer name (please print) _____

Date _____

