

July 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: German Trip to the Rhine Valley 19th-22nd June 2020

I am proposing a trip to the Rhine Valley from Friday 19th June – Monday 22nd June 2020 open to all students of German in Year 10 (**next academic year**). The trip would be an opportunity for your daughter to develop her use of German in interactional situations with native German speakers, and broaden her knowledge and understanding of German history and culture. Travel would be by coach and Channel Tunnel crossing which is included in the price. The proposed accommodation would be at Hotel Bergschlosschen, Boppard, on a full board basis with packed lunch provided on days 2-4 of the trip. During our visit we would take part in a number of educational visits including a guided tour of Burg Eltz, one of Germany's best preserved medieval castles, a visit to Cochem on the Mosel and a town trail of Boppard in the culturally significant Rhine Valley, as well as a trip to Phantasialand theme park, where they will take part in a number of language based tasks. This trip will prove to be of immense educational value for their GCSE studies and will develop a number of the skills that they will need for their exams.

The trip cost will be £440.00 per student.

We are hoping to take 40 students and 4 members of staff. If you would like your daughter to go on this trip, then please **pay the deposit of £150.00 and fill in the online consent survey (link is in WisePay) by Friday 6th September**. We will be unable to accept deposits after this date. **Both payment and the online consent** is required for your daughter to be considered for this trip.

If the trip is oversubscribed, a ballot will be held to allocate places and a waiting list opened. If your daughter gains a place on the trip, you will then make a further payment of £290.00 which is payable by the end of November.

If your daughter is not successful your deposit will be returned to you. If your daughter has been allocated a place and subsequently withdraws, the deposit will be non-refundable to cover administration costs, and the remaining monies paid will only be refunded to you if we are able to replace her with someone from the waiting list, as the cost is based on a fixed number of students going.

Payment for the trip needs to be made via WisePay; simply login to your WisePay account for details. If you need a reminder of your WisePay login please e-mail n.hopkins@holt.wokingham.sch.uk. In the event of difficulties using this system, please telephone Mrs Simmons, the School Finance Manager.

In cases of severe financial hardship please contact Mrs Martin, Assistant Headteacher, who may be able to put you in touch with agencies that could help or to discuss the situation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely

V Dovaston

Miss Dovaston
Head of German and Trip Leader