



24th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carer

“European trip” to Freiburg and the Black Forest, Germany – 24th June to 29th June 2019

I am excited to be offering a Year 7 trip abroad to support the global aspirations of our school, to expose pupils to cultural diversity and create a unique bonding experience as a year group.

Freiburg is a historic town quintessentially German. It is the city of miniature streams and cobblestone streets as well as the European Green Capital of Europe. Freiburg is a hidden gem in the middle of the Black Forest. This is one of the largest low mountain ranges of central Europe situated close to the border with Switzerland and France. As the setting of countless Grimm Brothers' fairy tales, the Black Forest happily plays up to its image as a land of cuckoo clocks, cherry gâteaux, outlandish traditional garb, hefty half-timbered farmhouses and hill upon hill of dark evergreen forest.

The key details about the planned trip are as follows:

- 6 days and 5 nights
- Departs on Monday 24 June 2019
- Returns on Saturday 29 June 2019
- The provisional cost is **£395 per pupil**

This price includes:

- Coach and Eurotunnel to and from Germany
- Accommodation on a Full Board Basis
- Travel insurance already covered through school
- Equity 24hr emergency support whilst on the trip
- All visits included in the itinerary

The provisional group size is **40 plus 4 members of staff**

The itinerary for the trip will include the following:

- visit to Freiburg im Breisgau
- trip on the Schauinsland cable car to enjoy the stunning view of the Black Forest
- visit to the little town of Triberg im Schwarzwald, the town of cuckoo clocks, including a walk at the highest waterfalls in Germany
- exploring typical Black Forest life, including a visit to the Wolfach glass museum with a glass blowing demonstration and the Black Forest Open Air museum “Vogtsbauernhof” recreating how people lived and worked in farmhouses during the last 400 years
- a boat cruise on Lake Titisee, an idyllic place in an astounding natural setting
- swimming at a local Freibad, a supervised open air swimming pool with water slides
- one day at the Europa Park, the second most popular theme park in Europe, a fantasy version of the continent with 100 rides across 13 different lands
- the opportunity to do some shopping

In addition to the cost of the trip, your child will need money only to buy snacks for the coach journeys on the way to and from Germany and to buy souvenirs. They will also require a full valid passport and EHIC.

If your son/daughter is interested in going on this trip a non-refundable deposit £100.00 is required, please complete the slip below and return to school by **Wednesday 3rd October**. I appreciate the deadline for the deposit is very close, but the school needs to secure the booking with the travel company. A more detailed payment plan will follow. If the trip is over-subscribed, we will draw names from all of the pupils who have paid deposits by the deadline. Any unsuccessful pupils will have their deposits returned.

We very much hope your son/daughter will be able to take advantage of this excellent trip. Their awareness of cultural diversity and their appreciation of a different language and different traditions will be heightened immeasurably by this experience.

Prior to the trip departing, I will arrange a parents information evening early May. Please do not hesitate to contact me at adesantis@chantry.worcs.sch.uk if you have any questions or comments.

Yours sincerely



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To: Mrs S Kinsey, Finance Dept

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I agree for my child Form
to take part in the above trip.

I have paid a non-refundable deposit of £100.00 via School Gateway, Payment ID

I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £100.00 cash/cheque payable to 'The Chantry School' :

I understand if the trip is over-subscribed and my child is not allocated a place on the trip, the £100.00 deposit will be refunded.

Signed(Parent/Carer)