



30th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carer

Christmas trip to Cologne, Germany

We are excited to be offering a trip to Germany next year for our current Year 9 pupils choosing German for their GCSE, as well as to our current German pupils in Y8. This will be a unique opportunity to support the global aspirations of our school by immersing pupils in German culture and traditions and to create a unique bonding experience.

Cologne, a major cultural centre of the Rhineland region, is world renowned for its Christmas markets, which attract over four million visitors a year. Cologne has six different markets, open daily, and well into the evening, each with their own special character. The most impressive of all is the market by the magnificent cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you will find over 160 festively designed pavilions and the largest Christmas tree in the Rhineland. Each market provides great food and drinks but also shopping too, from Christmas decorations to selling chocolate. It's a great place to try out your German language skills!

The key details about the planned trip are as follows:

- 4 days and 3 nights (2 nights overnight travel)
- Departs on Thursday 10th December 2020 in the evening
- Returns on Sunday 13th December 2020 in the morning
- The group size is **40 pupils plus 3 members of staff**
- The cost is **£250 per pupil**

This price includes:

- Coach and Eurotunnel to and from Germany
- Accommodation on a half board basis in the Jugendherberge Köln Deutz for 1 night (one dinner and one breakfast)
- School travel insurance
- All visits included in the itinerary

The itinerary for the trip will include the following:

- visit to Cologne cathedral, a Unesco Heritage Site, and view from the tower
- visit to the several Christmas markets with possibility of shopping: Alter Markt and Heumarkt squares; 'Market of Angels' presents itself on the square Neumarkt under a magnificently shining star sky and near Rudolfplatz
- visit to the Chocolate Museum
- possible visit to Aachen Christmas markets on the return journey
- the opportunity to do some shopping

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In addition to the cost of the trip, your child will need money to buy snacks en route, meals and souvenirs (we suggest approximately €100). They will also require a full valid passport and EHIC.

To secure a place for your son/daughter on this trip, a deposit of **£60** is required, along with the completed permission slip below by **Tuesday 11th February**.

Before applying for the trip, please be aware of the following:

1. priority on the trip is given to the current Year 9 pupils choosing a language for GCSE
2. we will draw names from all of the Year 8 pupils who have paid deposits by the deadline (based on the number of spaces available after the Year 9)
3. any unsuccessful pupils will have their deposits returned.
4. we also reserve the right to withdraw a pupil from the trip later on in the year if we have serious behaviour concerns.

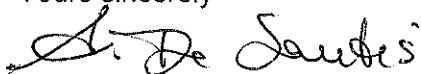
The payment plan following the deposit, valid only for the pupils who will manage to secure a place on the trip, is outlined below. Each of the instalments following the deposit **will also be non-refundable** as they fall due.

Deposit (1 st instalment)	11 th February	£60
2 nd instalment	30 th March	£50
3 rd instalment	30 th April	£50
4 th instalment	31 st May	£50
5 th instalment	30 th June	£40

We very much hope your son/daughter will be able to take advantage of this excellent trip. Their appreciation of the German culture and their enthusiasm for the language will be heightened immeasurably by this experience.

Prior to the trip departing, I will arrange a parents information evening at the start of next school year. Please do not hesitate to contact me at adesantis@chantryschool.com if you have any questions or comments.

Yours sincerely



Mr Ambrogio De Santis
Head of Modern Foreign Languages

To: Mrs S Kinsey

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I agree for my son/daughter _____ (Block capitals please)
Form _____ to take part in the above trip.

I have paid a deposit of £60.00 via the School Gateway : number _____.

I understand that if the trip is over-subscribed and my son/daughter does not get a place my deposit will be refunded.

Signed : _____ Parent/Carer