



12th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Visit to Rhineland, Germany – 12th-16th July 2024

I am very pleased to be able to offer your child the opportunity to participate in a five day visit to Germany in July 2024. The trip will include travel to and from Cologne by coach and ferry, and accommodation at a youth hostel (Jugendherberge Koeln-Riehl) located in Cologne. The trip will also include a visit to the BayArena, Nurburgring, Cochem, the Lindt chocolate museum in Cologne, Aqualand and a cruise along the river Rhine.

During our stay, the children will enjoy tasting German cuisine and participating in various leisure activities in and around the accommodation. It will be a fantastic opportunity for your child to experience German life and build on their language skills. We hope as many children as possible will participate.

In order for the trip to take place, parents/carers are requested to pay £650.

The cost of the trip includes travel by coach and ferry, insurance, accommodation, all meals while in Germany, excursions, and administration costs. The cost of the trip does not include spending money. **Children will need to bring their own passport for the trip, these will be collected and held in school prior to the trip.** Passports need to be less than 10 years old and need to have 6 months left on them from the date of travel. If your child holds a non-UK passport, please contact me as soon as possible, so that any entry requirements can be met. Insurance for the trip will be arranged. **Children will also need a GHIC card** available for free online at <https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card>.

At present, there are no COVID vaccination requirements for entering Germany. More information can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/Germany/entry-requirements>.

The well-being and consideration of all children wishing to take part is paramount. Any child whose behaviour gives cause for concern may have their place withdrawn at any time with the possibility of losing any money already paid. Any child who is suspended during the 2023-24 academic year will be unable to participate in the trip.

If you would like your child to take part, please pay a £150 deposit by Wednesday 27th September. **This is non-refundable.** We are unable to provide any financial assistance for this trip, but should you have an issue with making the deposit payment on time, please contact Mrs Dooley, sbm@stjamesheadle.co.uk, our School Business Manager.

Places on the trip are strictly limited, if the trip is oversubscribed, names will be drawn at random.



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All payments should be made via our online payment service, ParentPay. Additionally, due to commitments regarding invoices from the tour operator the following deadlines will apply and all payments are non-refundable:

Payment 1 £150 (deposit) by 27th September 2023

Payment 2 £150 by 10th November 2023

Payment 3 £100 by 26th January 2024

Payment 4 £150 by 23rd February 2024

Payment 5 £100 by 26th April 2024

Failure to keep up with this payment schedule may result in your child's place being lost. The total contribution of £650 must be made in full by 26th April 2024.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at d.bennett@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mrs D Bennett
Head of MFL Faculty