

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)

RE: Year 9 trip to Germany

I am pleased to let you know that we are planning an extra-curricular trip to the Rhineland, a region in Germany, from **Wednesday 20th May 2020** until **Saturday 23rd May 2020** for students who are currently studying German in Year 9.

Visiting Germany will give the students many opportunities to communicate in German and to practice their skills of reading in German and listening to German being spoken, which are all very important skills for their German GCSE. Visiting Germany will give the students the opportunity to experience first-hand what they are studying in the classroom.

The cost of this trip is dependent on the number of students travelling, therefore the total cost can't be confirmed at this point. However, we expect it to be between **£390 and £450**. This quote includes **all** travel (ferry, coach), excursions, full board accommodation in multi-bedded bedrooms (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner), entry fees to places of interest, a day pass to Phantasialand, insurance and staffing costs (1 teacher per 10 pupils).

The itinerary is still subject to change, but we intend to do the following:

- guided tour of the Marksburg Castle - the only medieval castle in the Middle Rhine that was never destroyed
- a cruise down the river Rhine to Koblenz
- town trail to explore the town of Koblenz
- cable car ride up to the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress
- all-day visit to Phantasialand (one of Europe's top theme parks)

There are only 44 spaces available on this trip, and these will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis in terms of deposit received. Should your son wish to go on this trip, a **£150 non-refundable** deposit is required at this stage to secure a place. All deposits must be paid via WisePay, which will be opened for payments at **1.00pm on Monday 14th October 2019**. You will find the item under the 'Trips and Visits' icon on your WisePay homepage, if you have any difficulty in accessing your account please contact Mrs Howley in the Finance office. The final deadline to sign up is Monday, 21st October. Any students who miss the first 44 places can give their name to me and I will place in onto a waiting list.

Additionally, in order to book a place for your son, **I must receive a colour photocopy of their passport and EHIC card** to check that it is valid and to take a copy to include with our booking form to the Tour Operator. Please ask your son to bring this to me personally **after** the deposit payment has been made. If your son does not hold a UK passport at this time, then it is the responsibility of the parents to ensure they are



familiar with Germany's visa requirements and to organise any necessary visa if needed. Students without the necessary travel documentation will not be allowed on the trip and will in that instance lose their payment.

You will understand that staff remain in loco parentis throughout the duration of all school trips. We will need to be confident that each pupil will respond to expectations and adhere to school rules.

I am convinced that this trip will be a fantastic study opportunity for your child and that your child will hugely benefit both from a language as well as a cultural point of view. Therefore I am hopeful that it will be possible for your child to take part in this venture.

Yours sincerely,

V. Cavalier
(Head of German)