

LSH/TDY

17 July 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: German Rhineland Trip 2018

We are pleased to inform you that we will be running a trip to the German Rhineland for our Year 9 students studying German in July 2018. These students have already expressed great interest in this trip, which will cover the following activities:

- Daily two hour language lessons
- Guided tour of Cologne's Chocolate Museum
- Guided tour of the inner city with access to the cathedral tower
- Guided tour to Marksburg Castle
- Boat Trip on the Rhine
- A visit to Limburg an der Lahn
- Visiting the First World War Battlefields
- Full day passes to Phantasialand theme park

Trip details:

The coach will depart: Monday 23 July 2018, departing NSB am – official departure time tbc.

Return coach departure: Friday 27 July 2018 arriving at NSB pm – official departure time tbc.

Included in the price are: 5 days in Cologne; 4 nights half-board in Hostel Köln located in the city centre. All travel is included; students may wish to bring spending money on the trip for souvenirs and snacks. Breakfast and evening meals are included; therefore cash will be needed to purchase lunch each day from local eateries. We recommend no more than €20 per day for this. All money is the child's own responsibility and we cannot securely keep each child's spending allowance. It is therefore vital to advise your son on the importance of budgeting before we depart.

This trip is not a compulsory academic residential and therefore on this occasion the school would be unable to give financial help or assistance towards the cost of the trip.

The overall cost for the trip is **£558** with a suggested payment plan as follows:

Payment 1 – By Wednesday 6 September 2017 £100.00 non-refundable deposit

Payment 2 – By Friday 6 October 2017 £200

Payment 3 – By Friday 23 February 2018 £200

Payment 4 – By Friday 25 May 2018 £58 – **Final balance**

Parents can pay the initial deposit by either cash or cheque and the balance by using Parent Pay via the school website. All deposits must be taken/sent to the Finance Office with 'Germany Rhineland Trip 2018' on the reverse of the cheque or alternatively on the front of the envelope containing cash.

By returning the attached reply slip and paying the non-refundable deposit you are securing a place on the German Rhineland 2018 Residential. However, **should your child withdraw after Friday 23 February 2018 you will be charged the full amount, unless another child can fill the place.**

There will be an information evening in the new academic year, which will address any questions you have and will give further details regarding coach departure and arrival times. The date and time of this meeting will be confirmed after September.

If you require any further information before committing to this exciting new venture, then please do not hesitate to contact me at school or by email - lshakir@nsb.northants.sch.uk. I am happy to answer any queries not matter how small so as to ensure you are fully informed. Should you be unable to contact me, queries regarding the trip can also be made to Mrs T O'Neil – Residential Team Leader.

Yours faithfully



Lucienne Shakir
Head of Modern Languages
Germany Trip Leader

REPLY SLIP & DEPOSIT TO THE FINANCE OFFICE

I/We* give permission for my/our* son to take part in the **German Rhineland Trip 2018** and enclose £100 deposit to secure the place of: -

Name: _____ Form: _____

I/We* understand the full cost of the trip is **£558** and that the full balance is due by **Friday 25 May 2018**.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _____