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German Trip – Department for Education Turing Fund subsidised Year 9 & Year 10 Cologne school visit - Thursday 26th to Monday 30th June 2025

For the first time this academic year, we have successfully bid to obtain Turing funding from the DfE, to significantly subsidise two MFL trips to support student learning and attainment.

Turing funding is a grant program from the UK government that helps students pay for international study and work placements. The funding will approximately halve the cost of these two overseas trips for parents.

The Turing funding carries the following conditions:

- The school must partner with a state-run school in the country being visited.
- The students must spend at least 50% of their time in the country engaging with students from the school. This could be through spending time in the school, or completing educational visits alongside their students.

As this is a new type of trip for us, we have elected to keep the groups of students attending relatively small. We have secured 26 subsidised places.

The Year 9 & Year 10 GCSE German trip will be a 4-night, 5-day residential trip (26th to 30th June 2025) to Cologne, Germany. We are excited to have partnered with a School in Cologne. During the trip, the students will have the opportunity to:

- meet and spend time with German students
- practice their language skills in a 'real life' setting
- explore the culture and sights of Cologne

We are confident that this opportunity will really support our students with their language learning. In addition to spending time in the school, the students will also spend some time engaging in cultural activities such as a visit to a museum and evening bowling. Students will travel by coach to the airport, and then via airplane to Cologne. In Cologne, they will stay in a simple, clean hostel with meals provided.

The cost of the trip will be £465 per student payable in five instalments which is non-refundable unless covered by an insurance claim.

A £50 deposit will be required by Friday 10th January 2025, followed by a further £50 payment on 1st February, £120 1st March, £120 1st April & £125 1st May 2025. If your child is selected, the trip will be added to your ParentPay account.

If you wish for your child to attend the trip, please complete the Google Form by 9am on Monday 6th January 2025. Should more than 26 students make an expression of interest, we will draw students to attend from a hat and operate a reserve list.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Lees via email at kerry.lees@kgaeasthampstead.uk







