



21 January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Y9 & Y10 German Students – Rhineland – 26 June 2025 – 30 June 2025

The Modern Foreign Languages Department are delighted to be able to offer students the opportunity to visit the Rhineland, Germany in 2025. The trip to this beautiful region is a fantastic opportunity targeted at current KS3 students studying German to explore German history and culture and to practice their language skills.

The **provisional itinerary** includes the following

- City Tour of Cologne
- Day trip to PhantasiaLand
- Time spent at partner school in Cologne
- Chocolate Museum
- Evening of bowling

The trip is a five day/four night residential visit from Thursday 26th June 2025 to Monday 30th June 2025. **The cost of the trip is £465** which includes coach transfers to and from a London Airport, flights, comprehensive insurance, hostel accommodation on a 1/2 board basis and tickets for the activities proposed.

The full payment of £465 is to be received by 1st May 2025.

Any cancellations would have to be covered by an insurance reason due to the funding criteria.

Payment	Due Date
1st Deposit £50 (non-refundable)*	Immediately
2nd Deposit £50 (non-refundable)*	1st February 2025 (mandatory date)
3rd Deposit £120 (non-refundable)*	1st March 2025 (mandatory date)
4th Instalment £120 (non-refundable)*	1st April 2025 (mandatory date)
Final Balance £125 (non-refundable)*	1st May 2025 (mandatory date)

*Please note cancellation charges will be incurred if you cancel your child's place; this will be in line with the tour company's cancellation guidelines and may also include any additional costs incurred by the school. **The cost may also be over and above the £465 contribution being made by you if the reason is not covered by insurance as the Turing funding cannot be used if a place is not 'attended'**. Some instances of cancellation would fall under the insurance policy (i.e., medical reasons) and if a successful claim was made the loss would be limited to the insurance excess charge.

The school would endeavour to fill a cancelled place however this is not always possible. If a replacement were found, there may be associated costs which you would be required to bear, such as a change of name if these have been confirmed with the travel provider. You would then be refunded the difference upon full receipt of payment for the place from the other payee.



There are currently no restrictions in place regarding COVID-19, however, the guidance can change at any time. Therefore, if for any reason your child is not, or will not be, fully vaccinated you are advised not to book a place for your child as this will be at your risk if guidance changes to require this prior to departure. **It is your responsibility to determine the risk of losing £465 if your child is not vaccinated due to restrictions which may change in the future. There is no insurance cover for this circumstance.**

Students wishing to go on the trip will require their own passport with at least 3 months remaining at time of return travel. **Please check if your child requires a Visa to travel to Germany as you will need to organise them.** If students do not have the required travel documents, they will be unable to go on the trip and your payment will be forfeited so please check very carefully and plan enough time to obtain them.

If your child still has a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) you can continue to use this until it expires. If they do not have an EHIC or it has expired, you can apply for a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). Please visit the NHS website to order: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

To reserve a place for your child, please make payment via your ParentPay account and complete the parental question section **by Saturday 1st February 2025.**

If your child does not yet have a valid passport or EHIC/GHIC please enter an X in the details box so you can make payment and secure your child's place. These details can be added later.

Should you need to activate your ParentPay account, please email trips@kgaeasthampstead.uk.

If you require any further information or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at: kerry.lees@kgaeasthampstead.uk

Yours faithfully



Miss K Lees
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