

Dear Parent/Carer

November 2018

**Re: VISIT TO COLOGNE - December 2019. This trip is open to all students but priority will be given to students currently in Year 9 or Year 10, who will be studying German next year.**

Your son/daughter has the exciting opportunity to take part in a residential visit to Cologne in December 2019. During this trip, students will have the opportunity to:

- practise their German skills at the Christmas markets in Aachen and Cologne
- visit Phantasialand theme park
- visit the German Sports and Olympic museum
- enjoy a Rhine river cruise
- see how chocolate is made at the Cologne chocolate museum (and taste it!)
- climb Cologne Cathedral's southern tower
- do some shopping
- speak lots of German and have a lot of fun along the way!

We will depart Taunton on the evening of Thursday 19 December, arriving in Germany on the Friday morning. We will arrive back in Taunton on the evening of Monday 23 December. We will be travelling by executive coach and two coach drivers will be travelling with us. The trip is being booked through NST Travel.

The cost is £370 based on 35 students travelling with 3 members of staff, including Mr Floyd and Mrs Jones.

The above price includes:

- return executive coach travel
- return channel crossings
- half board accommodation at The Meininger Hotel, Cologne City Centre, Engelbert Str. 33-35, Cologne 50674.
- group travel insurance

Students will need their own passport, valid for a minimum of 6 months from the date of arrival in Germany. Further details about obtaining a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will follow.

To secure a place for your son/daughter on this trip, a non-refundable deposit of £40.00 is required, along with the completed permission slip by Friday 9 November. Please return the permission slip to the Finance Office/Student Reception. Please pay by cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School). Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis but priority will be given to students who are currently in Year 9 and Year 10 and will be studying German next year. Students should be aware that any poor behaviour in the lead up to the trip may result in their place on the trip being withdrawn.

If you have any questions regarding the visit please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Floyd, **Head of Faculty for Modern Foreign Languages**



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I give permission for my son/daughter ..... to take part in the trip to Cologne **Thursday 19 December to Monday 23 December 2019**. Please find enclosed the £40 deposit to secure their place.

I enclose cash/cheque for ..... (made payable to The Castle School).

Student's name.....

Form.....

Signed ..... (Parent/Carer)

Date.....