



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

September 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

YEAR 12 TRIP TO COLOGNE LANGUAGE SCHOOL – 12-17 February 2017

Following the success of our previous visits to Germany, I am delighted to be able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to study at a renowned German language school in February 2017. This trip is intended to offer extra assistance to those taking their A Level exams in June 2018.

Over the past few years we have visited and developed a close association with an excellent language academy in Cologne who are able to offer tailor-made courses for our students. The trip is always very popular and has proved to be a valuable and enjoyable experience for our students learning German. Classes will be taught by German native teachers and will run for 5 days with 4 hours' tuition per day. In addition the library and IT resources of the language school will be at the disposal of our students both before and after classes.

The trip will be over 6 days in total from Sunday 12 - Friday 17 February 2017 with travel by 'plane from Leeds Bradford Airport to Düsseldorf and then by train to Cologne. Students will stay in a modern hotel meaning there is no return aspect of this trip i.e. you will **not** be expected to host a German student later in the year.

Unlike the Year 10 trip, the language used **throughout the trip** will be German and, as such, it will be a totally immersive experience. As part of this, in addition to the time spent studying, there will be organised afternoon activities such as a tour of the city, several meals out in typical German restaurants, an outing to Bonn and its superb *Haus der Geschichte* museum and visits to Cologne's unforgettable Gestapo museum and the excellent city zoo. There will also be limited shopping time available in the fully pedestrianised city centre.

The cost of this trip will depend on numbers participating. However, we anticipate the final price will be approximately **£600** to include all flights, transfers, a week's travel card, accommodation, food, tuition fees, insurance, course materials and a graduation certificate! Please ensure your son / daughter has a valid passport and EHIC medical card.

Please note that this is an educational visit taking place in school time. It is not a holiday. Students taking part are expected to complete the twenty hours of language tuition, to do all homework set and to fully participate in the cultural outings offered.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part the deposit is £200.00. **Our preferred method of payment for this trip is via ParentPay.** You will be able to view the balance due as well as giving online consent for the trip. Please note payments by cheque will still be accepted and if this is your preferred method of payment, please complete the consent slip below and return it to the finance department at school with your deposit. **All deposits must be returned by Friday 7th October 2016.** A second payment of £200 will then be due in **December** with the final instalment of approximately £200 in **January**. Further details will be sent out in due course.

If you have any queries about this visit please contact me at school.

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Yours faithfully

Mrs Catherine Jackson
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(Only necessary for payments by cheque)

Name of student _____ Tutor group _____

I enclose a cheque for £200.00. I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the language school visit to Cologne in February 2017. I understand that outside of school hours students will have limited supervised free time in the city centre and that students will need to provide their own passport and EHIC card (please check the expiry date).

Signed _____ parent/guardian Date _____

If you are paying by cheque would you please enclose with the completed consent form and hand into the finance department by **Friday 7th October** Thank you.

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