



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

September 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

YEAR 10 TRIP TO COLOGNE LANGUAGE SCHOOL – 24-29 June 2018

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 June 2018. This trip is intended to offer extra assistance to those taking their GCSE exams in June 2019.

Over the past few years we have 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 with 4 hours' tuition per day.

In addition to the time spent studying, students will also be introduced to German culture with afternoon excursions including a tour of the city and the stunning cathedral, "Odysseum", Germany's premier science adventure museum, an incredible interactive museum of post-1945 German history and the world-class zoo. There will also be ample shopping time available in the fully pedestrianised city centre and we eat mainly in traditional German restaurants.

The trip will be over 6 days in total from Sunday 24 to Friday 29 June 2018 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.

The cost will depend on numbers participating. However, we anticipate the final price will be **approximately £575.00** to include all flights, transfers, a week's travel card, accommodation, food, tuition fees, insurance, course materials and a graduation certificate! Please also remember your child will need an in-date passport and EHC medical card as well as a small amount of pocket money.

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.

School trips including residential visits form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's. When accompanying children on a school trip, staff are acting *in loco parentis* just as they do in school. However, trips away from the normal school environment involve taking into account different routines and environments, which demand that pupils are able to show an increased level of responsibility and

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maturity. In order to participate in any trip the school staff have to be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

The school will look at the behaviour, the attendance and the wellbeing of a pupil and decide whether they are able to cope with these demands **before** accepting the pupil onto any trip out of school. The decision to allow a child to participate will be taken between the trip leader, the head of year and senior staff. Once a pupil has been accepted onto a trip then, if in the time between gaining a place on the trip and the departure, staff have concerns again about the pupil's participation in the trip, the school reserves the right to withdraw the pupil's place. If the decision is made that the trip is not suitable for your child, deposit payments in this instance will be refunded.

A non-refundable deposit of £200.00 is due by **Monday 9 October 2017**. **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. If you would prefer to pay by cheque, please complete the consent slip below and return it to the Finance Office in school with your deposit. A second payment of £200.00 will then be due in January 2018 with the final instalment of approximately £175.00 in March 2018. Further details will be sent in due course. It is important to note that because of the way airlines operate, no refunds are possible once a student has committed to the trip.

If you have any queries, please contact me at school.

Regards

Mr Weare
Languages Department

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YEAR 10 TRIP TO COLOGNE LANGUAGE SCHOOL – 24 to 29 JUNE 2018

Only return if payment is by cheque

Name of student _____ Tutor group _____

I enclose a **non-refundable cheque for £200.00**. I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the language school visit to Cologne in June 2018. I understand that 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 now to avoid last-minute panic).

Signed _____ parent/guardian Date _____

If you are paying by cheque, please enclose with the completed consent form and hand into the Finance Department by **Monday 9 October 2017**.

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