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September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 German trip to Rhineland – 30 June to 4 July 2025

I am delighted to be able to offer your child/ward the opportunity to take part in the Year 9 German trip to the Rhineland next summer. The tour, arranged through Select School Tours, will take place during Activities Week from 30 June - 4 July 2025. Departing West Kirby in the early hours of Monday morning, we will travel by executive coach to Boppard, a beautiful historical town in an area forming part of a UNESCO world heritage site on the river Rhine. We will be staying for four nights on a full-board basis at the riverside Hotel Rheinlust, 5 minutes from the centre of Boppard.

The tour will comprise several visits to local sites of interest, culminating in an excursion on the final day to Phantasialand, one of Germany's principal theme parks. During the tour, students will have the opportunity to practise their spoken German and to gain a better understanding of the country's culture, customs and traditions.

The cost of the trip is £613. This includes transport, insurance, full board whilst at the hotel and entrance fees to the various sites on the programme.

PROGRAMME

The provisional programme is as follows:

Monday 30 June 2025	Depart WKGS. Travel by coach to Dover. Dover to Calais ferry. Board coach and travel overland to Germany, arriving at Hotel Rheinlust in Boppard in time for evening meal.
Tuesday 1 July 2025	Breakfast followed by morning exploring Boppard . Rhineland cruise to St Goarshausen before embarking coach to Rüdesheim , a charming Rhineland town. Visit Siegfrieds Mechanisches Musikkabinet , a small museum of the most wonderful mechanical musical instruments, followed by free time in Rüdesheim before returning to hotel for evening meal. Evening programme.
Wednesday 2 July 2025	Breakfast followed by tour of the Marksburg , a medieval castle built to protect the citizens of Braubach and remaining untouched by potential invaders. Drive to Koblenz for remainder of afternoon. Free time to explore main sites of Koblenz , a city which is situated at the point where the Rhine and the Moselle meet, souvenir shopping before returning to hotel for evening meal. Evening programme.
Thursday 3 July 2025	Breakfast followed by full day visit to Phantasialand . Return to hotel for evening meal. Evening programme and packing for early departure.
Friday 4 July 2025	Breakfast followed by early departure. Board coach for departure to Calais. Calais to Dover ferry. Coach from Dover to West Kirby, arriving around midnight.

INSURANCE

Students will be covered by the school's travel insurance policy. If your child/ward has a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) that will still be in date during the trip, they will be able to use this. If they do not, you will need to apply for Global Health Insurance Card on the NHS website. If you are reading the electronic version of this letter, you will find the address on the following link:

[Applying for healthcare cover abroad \(GHIC and EHIC\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)



We have an extensive insurance policy but these cards allow for quick and easy access to healthcare in the unfortunate event it becomes necessary.

EUROPEAN VISA WAIVER (ETIAS)

The **European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS)** is a visa waiver system which will come into effect in 2025. All UK visitors to Germany will, therefore, need to complete the ETIAS online application and obtain an approved ETIAS visa waiver before entering the country, unless they are travelling on a passport from a Schengen area country. Currently, no charge is made for minors applying for the ETIAS visa waiver. More details will be sent to parents once the system has been fully introduced. The visa waiver will be processed quickly online for most applicants, provided that they are travelling on a passport from an eligible country. Further information can be found at: [ETIAS Visa Waiver | European Travel Authorisation System](#). UK passport holders should not have spent more than 90 days in the previous 180 days in a Schengen area country.

PAYMENTS

Deposit

A deposit of £150 is required by Select School Tours and I would ask you to ensure that this is paid by Friday 20 September. Payments should be made via Scopay. Your online payment serves as both consent and confirmation of updated emergency contact details. Contact details can be checked/updated via your Arbor app. Please ensure you provide any appropriate additional information directly to me (staff organising trip). Please note that numbers for this trip are limited to 40 students.

2nd Payment

A second deposit of £200 will then be required by Friday 8 November 2024.

Payment of Balance

The final payment of £263 must be received by Friday 21 March 2025.

Please also complete the attached slip giving passport information and return it to your child's/ward's German teacher once payment of the deposit has been made. Please ensure that the passport being used for travel is valid for at least 3 months after the day we leave Germany; it should therefore be valid until at least 5 October 2025.

Please be aware that withdrawing from the trip after a place is confirmed will mean that deposits cannot be returned, and further payments may need to be made. We do expect high demand for places so please adhere to the deadlines given.

Yours sincerely

K Partridge

Miss K Partridge
Curriculum Coordinator in German

The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the school will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.



Passport Information Form German Trip to Boppard - June/July 2025

Name (as it appears on passport)	
Date of Birth	
Country of Issue	
Nationality as listed on passport	
Date of issue	
Expiry date	

Please return form this to your child/wards German teacher once the deposit has been made.