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September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 German trip to Rhineland – 3 June to 8 June 2027

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 at the end of the May half term holiday into the first week back at school. We will depart West Kirby in the late evening of Thursday 3rd June and 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 Rheinlust Hotel.

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 £671. 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:

Thursday 3 June 2027	Depart WKGS late evening
Friday 4 June 2027	Travel through the night by coach to Dover. Dover to Calais ferry. Board coach and travel overland to Germany, arriving at Rheinlust Hotel in time for evening meal.
Saturday 5 June 2027	Breakfast followed by morning exploring Boppard. Rhineland cruise to Rüdesheim , a charming Rhineland town. Visit Siegfrieds Mechanisches Musikkabinett , 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.
Sunday 6 June 2027	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.
Monday 7 June 2027	Breakfast followed by full day visit to Phantasialand . Return to hotel for evening meal. Evening programme and packing for early departure.
Tuesday 8 June 2027	Breakfast followed by early departure. Board coach for departure to Calais. Calais to Dover ferry. Coach from Dover to West Kirby.

INSURANCE

Students will be covered by the school's travel insurance policy. Additionally, 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/healthcare-cover-abroad/)



We have an extensive insurance policy but these cards, which are free, 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 for travel into the EU. At the time of writing these will not be a requirement for this trip. More information will be sent to parents in the event this should change. UK passport holders should not have spent more than 90 days in the previous 180 days in a Schengen area country.

Entry requirements for holders of passports that are not British or EU will need to be met and are the responsibility of the students involved. For those students who this concerns, please contact me as a priority so that arrangements can be 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 9 September 2027.

PAYMENTS

Deposit

A deposit of £100 is required by Select School Tours and I would ask you to ensure that this is paid by **Friday 2 October**. 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 44 students. If more than 44 deposits are received, names will be drawn at random to allocate places. Deposits will be refunded in full for any students who are not allocated a place.

2nd Payment

A second deposit of £200 will then be required by Friday 27 November 2026.

Payment of Balance

The final payment of £371 should be paid by Friday 26 February 2027.

Please be aware that withdrawing from the trip after a place is confirmed may 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.