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*Economics/Business Studies and Art Trip to Frankfurt
Saturday 14 February – Tuesday 17 February 2015*

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Economics/Business Studies and Art Departments at Abingdon are delighted to announce that we will be running a trip to Frankfurt during Lent half-term next year. The trip will run between Saturday 14 February and Tuesday 17 February 2015. Precise timings are to be confirmed.

Students studying Economics, Business Studies and/or Art in the Lower and Upper Sixth are invited on this educational trip. Frankfurt has a great reputation as a destination for both Economics/Business Studies and Art. Rebuilt after the war, the city’s skyline is hi-tech, high-rise and innovative. With the Stock Exchange and the European Central Bank located here, the city is the financial capital of Germany, making it ideal for business groups. It also spends more on the arts than any other city in Europe and has the best range of museums in the country after Berlin.

We will be flying from London Heathrow to Frankfurt Airport and staying at a centrally located 3 star hotel (details to be confirmed) for 3 nights. Included in the cost of this trip will be the following:

Art Visits	Economics and Business Visits
Architecture Museum	Stock Exchange Frankfurt
Liebieghaus Museum	John Deere Factory Visit
Museum of Modern Art	Frankfurt Airport Operations Tour
The Municipal Art Institute	Franfurt Allgemeine Zeitung (Newspaper) visit

The cost of the trip also includes, for all members of the party:

- Frankfurt River Cruise
- Visit to Frankfurt’s Main Tower (view from skyscraper viewing platform)
- Time to explore Frankfurt’s beautiful city centre and old town
- All travel arrangements, including flights, transfers and U-Bahn
- 3 nights accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis
- Travel insurance

Breakfast will be provided in the hotel each morning; however, students will need to bring enough money to cover all other meals, as well as snacks and purchases they wish to make. I feel that this freedom with dining options will give students a chance to sample the local cuisine in the evening of their own accord.

Unfortunately, due to the fact that we must confirm final numbers for the subject specific visits at the time of booking so bookings can be made and an itinerary drawn up, it will not be possible for students studying both Economics/Business Studies and Art to combine visits. **Students studying both subjects should indicate on the attached consent form whether they would like to attend the Economics/Business Studies visits or the Art visits.**

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While we are in Frankfurt, Mrs O'Doherty (Head of Art) will be leading the Art visits during the day, while I will be leading the Economics/Business Studies visits. I will also be assuming overall leadership responsibility for this trip and any questions/queries before departure should be referred to me.

There will be some unsupervised time during the visit and we will, of course, expect students to behave impeccably at all times.

The total cost of this trip will be **£565 per student, which is based on a group size of 40 students.** If we receive a smaller amount of interest than this, the price of the trip may increase and I will write to you informing you of the new price.

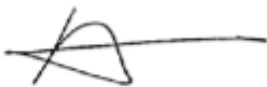
If you would like your son to go on this trip would you please return the consent slip below and pay a non-refundable deposit of £100 by cheque (made payable to Abingdon School) by **Friday 10 October. This should be returned to me.** The remainder of the balance (£465) will be charged to your Lent Term bill. Please note that **if** the price of the trip changes and you decide that you are not happy with the new price, then your deposit will be returned in full.

Please note that by completing the consent form (providing the trip proceeds) you are committing to the total cost of this trip, the non refundable deposit secures your son's place, but thereafter the School will proceed to make bookings and reservations to procure the best possible deals. The payment arrangements offered are a means of spreading the cost rather than a reflection of when liabilities are incurred.

Places on this trip are limited and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis. A reserve list will be created when all places have been filled.

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

Yours sincerely



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