



27 November 2015

Dear Parents

re: Lower School Modern Languages Trip to the Rhineland, June 2016

I am writing to invite your son to participate in the Lower School Modern Languages Trip to the Rhineland from **Friday 17 June to Monday 20 June 2016**.

Now a tradition in the modern languages department, we will be leading a group of boys to the German Rhineland region for a long weekend after their examinations in the summer term. The trip will be open to all Lower School boys, regardless of the language they currently learn. This is the ideal chance for all boys to learn more about typical life in a vibrant and important region of Europe, and hopefully practise (or even learn!) some German. Boys in the First Year will certainly find the trip complements the five months' of German they will then have under their belt.

The group will depart by coach during lesson 1 on Friday 17 June and return early evening on Monday 20 June (boys will be excused from lessons all day on the Friday and Monday). In Germany, we will stay in the charming town of Traben-Trarbach. The boys will have the opportunity to visit a famous German castle, the historical city of Trier, with its magnificent Porta Nigra and Roman Baths, and go to a rope garden. Of course, enjoying the delights of German cuisine forms an integral part of the trip as well.

The cost is approximately £395 but may be subject to change dependent on the level of interest. The price includes all travel, excursion costs and full-board accommodation over the four days. If you would like your son to participate in the trip, please complete and return the attached reply slip **by Friday 4 December**. This trip tends to prove extremely popular and to avoid disappointment, please return your slip as soon as possible. Numbers are strictly limited so places will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority going to First Year boys and boys in the Second Year who did not participate in last year's trip.

Please note that by completing the consent form (providing the trip proceeds), you are committing to the total cost of this trip and a non-refundable deposit of £100 being added to your December school bill. The remainder of the cost will be added to your school bill in April. The deposit secures your son's place but thereafter the School will proceed to make bookings and reservations to procure the best possible deals. The balance of payment being applied to your school bill is a means of spreading the cost rather than a reflection of when liabilities are incurred.

Further details will follow, however if you have any queries concerning the trip or require any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me (regina.engelhart@abingdon.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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Lower School Rhineland Trip 2016

Reply slip

Deadline: Friday 4 December 2015

To: Mrs R Engel-Hart, Masters' Common Room, Abingdon School.

Son's name..... Tutor

Son's modern language teacher

I would like my son to participate in the 2016 Lower School Trip to the Rhineland.

I agree to a £100 deposit being added to the December School bill and the remainder of the cost expected to £295 being applied to the April School bill.

Signed..... Date:.....