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From MFL Coordinator: A. Cardinal von Widdern

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Dear Parent

re: Lower School Rhineland Trip

Abingdon's Modern Foreign Language department would like to invite your son to our annual Lower School Trip, which will take us to the picturesque Rhineland this year. All Lower School students are invited to participate, whether they study German or French. The dates are Friday 15 June to Monday 18 June 2018. Lower School exams will have finished by then and the trip is a great post-exams treat.

We will be staying in the beautiful town of Traben-Trarbach of which we will be given a guided tour before we climb up to the castle ruins. We will also be visiting Roman Trier including the Porta Nigra and Kaiserthermen, the impressive fortress Burg Eltz and have a little free time to explore. You will receive a detailed itinerary nearer the time. The youth hostel also has plenty of indoor and outdoor space to allow for football or table-tennis tournaments.

The cost of the trip will be £460: a non-refundable deposit of £150 will be required as a cheque with the return of this application; the balance of £310 will be added to your April bill. The cost will include coach, ferry, accommodation, full board and any activities on the trip.

Please note that by completing the attached (electronic) consent form 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 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.

We will be likely to depart and return out of school hours and you will receive more information in due course at a parents' meeting. It is very important that you can make arrangements for your son to be dropped off and picked up at the relevant times.

Boys who are non-EU/EEA / Schengen passport holders MUST indicate this on the electronic form to allow us to apply for a group visa.

As part of the consent form completion, all parents need to check their son's passport will be within date before uploading a copy of it and their son's EHIC card.

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Normal school rules will apply regarding behaviour. Please note that we do not permit any electronic devices on this trip.

A packed lunch and plenty of snacks will need to be provided for the journey but we would like to advise against sweets. We recommend a maximum of 30 Euros pocket money if boys want to supplement their meals with snacks or to buy souvenirs.

I hope this outlines the visit and our expectations. We will also hold a parents' evening nearer the time.

I include the link to the electronic parental consent form for completion <https://form.jotformeu.com/73412369167359> , due no later than 12 January 2018. We will operate a first come, first served system in case the trip is oversubscribed. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the visit.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A.W.' followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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