



From Head of German: Sarah-Jane Poole

7 February 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians,

### **German trip to Berlin December 2020**

Abingdon's German department would like to invite boys currently in the 2nd year or Lower Sixth who are studying German, as well as boys in the 5th year who will continue German next year, to take part in a trip to Berlin from Friday 11 to Monday 14 December 2020. The trip will provide an opportunity for your son to develop his language skills and cultural understanding, extending beyond the syllabus taught in lessons.

The itinerary includes a wide range of engaging activities, including a walking tour of the main sights, a trip to the Berlin Wall memorial site and museum, a street art tour followed by graffiti workshop, visits to a traditional Christmas market, the Olympia Stadium and Computerspiele Museum amongst others. We will take a coach from school to a London airport to fly to Berlin, where we will be staying in a centrally located youth hostel.

The cost of the trip will be approximately £600; £300 will be added to your April bill and the balance of £300 will be added to your July bill. The exact cost will depend on the number of pupils taking part and flight costs. The departure time from school on Friday 11 December has yet to be confirmed, but may be before the arrival of the school buses depending on flight time. Your son will also need to be collected from school (or the airport) on Monday 14 December. It is very important that you can make arrangements for your son to be dropped off and picked up at the relevant times.

Please note that by completing the below (electronic) consent form you are committing to the total cost of this trip. Your consent secures your son's place, but thereafter the School will proceed to make bookings and reservations to procure the best possible deals. The payments being applied to your school bill is a means of spreading the cost rather than a reflection of when liabilities are incurred.

<https://forms.gle/J9p4uniNRrGEtxJA8>

Normal school rules will apply regarding behaviour, dress should be smart and any free time should be spent in small groups. Boys will also need to bring a small amount of money to buy lunches on the trip. Please also ensure that your son's passport is valid for 6 months after the date of travel.

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I hope this outlines the visit and our expectations. If you would like your son to take part, please complete this consent form by Friday 28 February. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Yours sincerely  
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