

19 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Trip to the Rhine Valley, Germany – July 2022

We are pleased to be able to offer an exciting trip to the Rhine Valley, Germany for our Year 8 and 9 German students from Monday, 18 July to Thursday, 21 July 2022. This promises to be an exhilarating venture that will give students a flavour of some of the most beautiful scenery and culture of the country and language. It also offers a good opportunity for the group to become close and it is our experience that many friendships are formed on residential trips such as this.

We offer a provisional programme as follows (exact times to be confirmed):

18 July – We will leave Open Academy at around 4.00am and head for Dover for our ferry to Calais. We recommend that students take snacks for the journey and food for lunch. We will travel on through France, Belgium and Germany and aim to arrive at the accommodation at approximately 7.00pm. In time for our evening meal at the hotel.

19 July - Breakfast in accommodation then we will drive to Cologne to visit the famous Gothic Cathedral and Treasury before walking along the river to the Old Town. Time for group to buy/eat lunch. After lunch the group will visit the Chocolate Museum and Sports Museum before returning for our evening meal in our accommodation.

20 July - Breakfast in accommodation and then we will drive to Brühl and spend the day at Phantasieland theme park. We will then return to the accommodation in time for the evening meal.

21 July - After breakfast, we will leave the hotel and arrive back at the Academy at approximately 9.30pm.

We are looking for at least 40 participants for the trip to go ahead. The cost of the trip will be £380.00, which includes travel, accommodation, insurance and breakfast and evening meals. Pupils should bring some money for lunches, when out on the trips and free meals will still be provided if your child needs one.

If you would like your child to enjoy a trip to Cologne, we would propose the following payment schedule:

- Non-refundable deposit of £95 by 3 December 2021
- Second payment of £110 to be paid by 7 January 2022
- Balance to be paid by 9 May 2022.

Once paid, deposits will only be returned if a student is unable to take part due to illness or if, for any other reason, we have to cancel the trip. In the case of a student withdrawing without good cause, any monies paid can only be refunded provided a replacement can be found.

Please note that your child's place on the trip is dependent on their behaviour in school and attendance up to the date of the trip. If they are withdrawn from the trip due to poor behaviour/attendance issues, unfortunately we cannot refund any payments made. Students will also require a current passport which is valid for at least 6 months from the return date of travel, for which you may need to budget if applicable. Students will also require a free EHIC or GHIC card for more information please see:

<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

Please complete the permission slip attached and return with the money (cash or cheque - made payable to Open Academy) in a sealed envelope with your child's name, form and trip to Reception no later than 3 December.

In these uncertain times, I understand that you need to know that you are booking with confidence. I have therefore added links to the travel company's insurance and Covid regulation policies.

<https://www.halsbury.com/school-travel-resources/your-guide-to-booking-with-confidence>
<https://www.halsbury.com/school-travel-resources/your-covid-faqs-answered>

For those in receipt of benefits or are struggling to meet the cost, please come and speak to me. Alternatively, you may be eligible for a grant, which would cover most, if not all, of the trip from Anguish's Educational Foundation, Tel: 01603 621023 or email:

info@norwichcharitabletrusts.org.uk

Kind Regards

Mrs McEvoy (MFL Teacher)

To Mrs McEvoy

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- I am interested in my child participating in the above trip and I enclose the £95 deposit
- I agree to pay the remaining balance as per the payment schedule
- I can confirm that my child has / will have their own passport which is valid for at least six months after the date of return to the UK
- I can confirm that my child has / will have an EHIC or GHIC card

Student Name:

Student Year:

Student Form:

Parent/Carer Signature:

Date: