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Our Ref: CPA.LMA.Germany2

Dear Families

German Christmas Market Trip, 2 – 5 December 2025

Following a letter sent out last week, we have had lots of interest, and I feel confident the trip is viable and can go ahead.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 9 students to experience and explore a city in Germany and soak up the atmosphere of the Christmas market. In addition to that, there will obviously be opportunities to practice speaking German, perfect for those students who are taking GCSE German next year.

Here is what we have planned:

Tuesday – leaving school at approximately 6am, travelling by coach and ferry (Dover – Calais). The evening will be spent settling into the accommodation.

Wednesday – we will explore Cologne, visit the Christmas market, ice skating at the market and Lindt chocolate museum along the River Rhine, and have time to do some shopping.

Thursday – we will spend the day at a local theme park, Phantasialand, Brühl.

Friday – we will have breakfast at the accommodation before we leave to travel home. Expecting to arrive back at school in the evening, times to be confirmed.

The cost of the trip is **£500 per student**, this includes transport to and from Germany (coach and ferry) and 3 nights half board at a local Youth Hostel (Cologne-Deutz) in the city of Cologne. The only meals not included are lunches on each day, except the final day of travel, where students will be provided with a packed lunch. The cost also includes entry to the Theme Park and the Lindt chocolate museum in Cologne.

Spaces are limited to 40 so for the selection process those students who will be choosing GCSE German as an option subject will be given priority. If at this point, we are oversubscribed then names will be chosen out of a hat. Once students have been selected you will receive notification via ParentPay to pay the **deposit of £50 by Monday 25 February** – failure to do so may mean that your child's space is given to another student.

Please note that students will be travelling on their own passport so will need an up-to-date passport, which must be valid at least 3 months after the date we leave the UK.

What next? Please ensure the attached reply slip is completed and returned to either *Student Services* or *Miss Pawsey* by **Thursday 6 February**.



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If you require financial assistance and or login details for ParentPay, please contact the Educational Visits Coordinator at l.may@stowhigh.com.

If you have any questions about this visit, please contact me at c.pawsey@stowhigh.com.

*Please note, as we are taking students abroad, we need to be sure that their behaviour will be appropriate and represent the school well. The school may withdraw a space from any student whose behaviour is unacceptable or inappropriate in the lead up to this trip. Should the school decide that a student's place on the trip is to be withdrawn, the cost of the trip will not be reimbursed.

Kind Regards

Charlotte Pawsey
Curriculum Lead for MFL

My child would like to attend the visit to Cologne, Germany, from 2 – 5 December 2025.

Please return this form to Student Services **OR** Miss Pawsey by Thursday 6 February

Student Name _____ Tutor Group _____

Signed (Parent/Carer) _____ Date _____

Is your child considering German as a GCSE option next year *Yes / No (please delete as appropriate)*



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