



**Altrincham Grammar School for Boys**

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Dear Parents

**Germany Trip 2019**

I am pleased to announce that I am organising a school visit to the Rhineland in Germany next July during the school's Activities Week. The trip is for Year 7 boys and I am offering your son the opportunity to participate as he is/will be studying German this year. The trip will be organised through the school group travel company, NST. Details are as follows:

**Dates:**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (probably setting off from school at about 10pm on the Friday).

**Accommodation:**

Hotel Anker in Brodenbach. This is a hotel catering for school groups which has been used by NST for many years and we have also used it before.

**Travel:**

Coach and ferry (Dover - Calais)

**Visits and Activities** will include (subject to confirmation):

- Rhein River cruise
- A visit to Cologne
- A visit to the Cologne Cathedral
- The chocolate museum
- Phantasialand theme park near Cologne (website <http://www.phantasialand.de>)
- Visit to Siegfrieds Mechanisches Musikkabinett in Rudesheim

**Cost:**

**£450** (£150 initial deposit followed by two further payments). However, we will ask for incremental payments in order to facilitate payment. (*Please note this price is based on 40 people*)

**What is included:**

- Extensive school insurance
- Travel by luxury air-conditioned coach and use of coach in Germany, subject to driver's hours regulations
- Return ferry crossing
- 4 nights full board accommodation in the resort
- Full programme of excursions
- All entrance fees
- Contingency money (to be refunded at the end of the trip)

**What is NOT included:**

- Personal spending money
- Meals en route, except for a packed lunch on our return journey
- Drinks with meals other than breakfast. Tap water will be served at all meals at no extra cost

**Number of Boys: 40**

Year groups: The trip will be offered to Year 7 boys studying German either now or later in the year. If there are places left they may be offered to Year 8 and Year 9 boys studying German.

**Staff:**

There will be at least one member of staff to each ten boys. The names of staff accompanying the trip will be advised later.

**Please note:**

- In the event of a boy dropping out of the trip once a place has been confirmed, any money paid is only returnable if a suitable replacement is found.
- Please note, your son's place on this trip is at the discretion of the Head Master and is dependent upon his good behaviour and as such can be withdrawn at any time with no refund.
- For most of the time the group will be together as a whole. At certain points however, eg. Phantasialand, and at motorway service stations, the boys will for a limited period of time be allowed to look around in groups (a minimum of 4 boys) without the direct supervision of a teacher.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. If your son is successful, we will confirm this in writing. Please note we cannot accept any applications before 6pm on the day the letter is issued.

### **Application process**

To register for this trip please visit the school website [www.agsb.co.uk](http://www.agsb.co.uk) as soon as possible and complete the online '**Residential Trip Form**' in the 'Parents' section quoting the name '**Year 7 German Trip**' on the online application form.

Upon acceptance of your son's place you will be requested by email to pay a deposit payment via ParentPay and a payment schedule will also be provided. In the event of you cancelling your son's place on the trip you will only be given a refund if a suitable replacement is found.

### **Additional information**

Please read our terms and conditions sheet attached which contains **important information** regarding medical issues, passports, EHIC etc.

If you have any questions regarding the trip please email me [rchapman@agsb.co.uk](mailto:rchapman@agsb.co.uk) or [harmstrong@agsb.co.uk](mailto:harmstrong@agsb.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

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