

28th September 2010

Dear Parents

The Modern Languages department is planning a visit to the German Christmas markets at the end of November. The trip is being organised through STS (www.ststravel.co.uk) and is a three day tour by coach for 25 girls, accompanied by four members of staff. The purpose of the visit is essentially cultural and to enable those girls who are learning German to practise their linguistic skills in an authentic environment. With this in mind, priority for places on the trip will be given to girls in the German classes and to year 7 girls who may be considering opting for German next year. The remaining places will be allocated according to the order in which we receive payment.

The itinerary is as follows:

Thursday 25/11/2010	Depart from school at 10 pm.
Friday 26/11/2010	Cross channel ferry and coach travel to Aachen. Lunch and visit to Christmas market. Arrive in Cologne late afternoon. Christmas market in the evening
Saturday 27/11/2010	A full day in Cologne visiting the old town, the cathedral, the chocolate museum and the Christmas markets.
Sunday 28/11/2010	Depart after breakfast, arriving back at school in the evening.
Monday 29/11/2010	School holiday

Accommodation has been booked at the youth hostel Cologne-Deutz. (www.koeln-deutz.jugendherberge.de) We will try our best to allocate the rooms to fit in with friendship groups but we may be limited by the size of rooms available.

Every girl will need her own passport and a valid European health insurance card. (www.ehic.org.uk)

The cost of the trip is £260 and includes transportation, accommodation, insurance, entrance fees and all meals other than breakfast on the first morning. Cheques should be made payable to MTGS and it would be helpful if you could write your daughter's name and form on the reverse. Please put the cheque and the reply slip in an envelope and return it to either Mrs Garside or Mrs Southworth.

There will be a meeting for parents to discuss final arrangements after half-term but please contact me at school beforehand if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

J. Garside
Head of German

Reply slip: Please return to Mrs Garside in an envelope marked: German Christmas Market.

I give permission for my daughter.....in form.....
to take part in the visit to the German Markets at the end of November. I am enclosing cash / cheque for £260. Cheques should be made payable to MTGS.

Signature of Parent / GuardianDate

Daytime contact number