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**From: Ms A Head
MFL Department**

Thursday, 22nd June 2023

Dear Parents/Carer

Trip: **AH - Year 8 Mosel Valley Visit, Germany (Current Year 7 students** how have opted to study German in Y8)

Dates: Monday 8 July to Friday 12 July 2024

Following the success of this visit to the Mosel Valley in Germany in previous years, I am delighted to offer your son the chance to take part in the coming academic year as a Year 8 student of German. This is an enrichment trip available to year 8 pupils and is therefore not a compulsory element of his German studies.

The five-day visit will take place from Monday 8 July to Friday 12 July 2024 to the Mosel Valley. An exact itinerary will be available when all bookings have been made and once finer details have been finalised, but we are planning excursions to Cochem Castle and the Roman town of Trier, a river cruise, a visit to the local vintners, Phantasialand and many outdoors games opportunities on the grounds of the youth hostel in which we will be staying.. The objectives of the trip are for the students to practise their German in situ, to be immersed in German culture and landscape and to see Classical sites in the city of Trier. There will be 4 teachers accompanying the group, led by Ms Head (German Teacher).

The cost of the visit is anticipated to be in the region of £700. However, this is subject to change depending on individual suppliers costs at the time of booking.

The Key Details about the planned trip are:

- 5 days and 4 nights' accommodation at a youth hostel
- Full board – all meals included: breakfast and hot dinner on site and packed lunch
- Return coach travel
- All excursions, evening activities and most entrance fees included (some pocket money for snacks and souvenirs will be needed)

The cost of this trip is spread across four instalments (including the deposit) payable via Evolve and will be clarified at a later date.

Please ensure all payments are made by the respective due dates via Evolve so that bookings can be made without any delays. Additional support will be available for students in receipt of Pupil Premium and for families experiencing financial hardship, who meet the qualifying criteria.

Numbers are limited to 40 and demand is expected to be high. Should the trip become oversubscribed, then the places will be allocated at random and notification will be communicated shortly afterwards.

Please note that your son will have to be in possession of a Passport valid (in the case of a British passport) for a minimum of three months after the return date of the trip. For non-British passports immigration requirements may vary. Non-British passport holders may need a visa for Germany at your own additional expense. If this is the case, please make your enquiries about the requirements for your specific circumstances and inform us of your arrangements.

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Please click on the link below to express your interest:

<https://forms.office.com/e/JW2n9JT5Hw>

Photocopies of passports will be requested at the next stage. We will also send a link for consent in due course.

If your child no longer wishes to take up their place on this visit, please could you let me know as soon as possible so this place can be offered to pupils on the reserve list.

There are certain precautions we must take before taking your child on the proposed visit. In respect of Health & Safety regulations and insurance, we require the assurance of yourself and your child that the rules of behaviour set out in the Code of Conduct for Educational Visits will be adhered to both before and during the visit.

You will appreciate that the school has no control over the tour operators, airlines, hotels and other organisations involved. By reserving a place on the tour you and your son accept that the School has no responsibility for the default of the tour operators or other organisations and that in the event of an Act of God or any other circumstance, whether involving health and safety, security, behaviour or otherwise, the School can in its discretion curtail, cancel or revise the tour at any time without recompense.

We hope your child will be able to join us on this exciting trip to one of Europe's most beautiful valleys. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at ahead@reading-school.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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