



# THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## **Cologne, Germany Trip Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

The Languages department would like to offer your child the chance to attend a trip to Cologne, Germany in February 2025.

This trip is an exciting opportunity for our students to visit another country, try regional foods, visit famous tourist attractions and monuments, as well as practising some spoken German in an authentic environment. We hope the elements of the visit will motivate students and inspire them in their work towards their German GCSE.

Details of the trip are as follows but are subject to change:

Day 1 Tuesday 11 <sup>h</sup> February 2025	Depart Stonehenge in the morning by coach Travel by coach to Cologne Evening meal at accommodation
Day 2 Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Breakfast at accommodation Visit to the Lindt chocolate museum and Cologne Cathedral Afternoon tour of Cologne FC and Museum visit Evening meal at accommodation
Day 3 Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Breakfast at accommodation Boppard town visit Visit to Marksburg Castle Evening meal at accommodation
Day 4 Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Breakfast at accommodation and check out Depart Cologne and travel back to UK by coach Arrive back at Stonehenge

The total cost for this trip will be £527 per student and this includes return channel crossing, travel and medical insurance, transfer to the accommodation, breakfast and evening meal and trip activities. Your child will also need £30 of spending money in Euros to cover the cost of buying lunches and refreshments. They may also bring a small amount of money to spend on souvenirs if they wish.

The total cost will be divided into the following payment schedule:

### **By Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Initial deposit of £50**

It is important that if you are selected to go on the trip that the non-refundable deposit is paid promptly to secure your place.

<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>£75.00</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>	<b>£201.00</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>	<b>£201.00</b>



It is important that the payment schedule is adhered to. The travel company set strict payment deadlines and if these are not met then additional charges may be added to the overall cost.

**Therefore, late payment of the deposit or balance could jeopardise the trip.**

Payments should be made on line through ParentPay. You will also need to tick the consent box to provide permission for your child to attend. If you have mislaid your ParentPay log in details please contact the school.

There are limited places available to German students in year 8, 9 and 10, so to ensure that everyone has the chance to go , we will ask you to register your commitment to the trip on ParentPay before payment is requested. Interest must be registered by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. If the number of requests outweigh the number of places available, we will pick names at random to ensure fairness.

**Students must have a valid passport to be able to attend**, this needs to be valid for 6+months before/after the trip. **Please also be aware that if your child holds a non-EU passport that you may be required to organise a VISA for them for this trip.**

Please note that once places have been confirmed, payments will be non-returnable unless the trip is cancelled by the school.

Passport/medical/dietary information for your son/daughter will be requested during the lead up to the trip taking place. By the very nature of the trip, this information will be shared with the travel company we have booked through. They in turn will need to share it with the airline/ferry company and other providers as necessary, to ensure your son/daughter can travel and any special needs are met. By applying for a place on this trip, you are giving your consent for this information to be used for this purpose.

The organisation of all trips includes a comprehensive risk assessment. Please be aware that the medical information and contact details for your son/daughter that you have supplied for The Stonehenge School records are printed and taken on the trip by the trip leader and their deputy in case an emergency arises. The printouts are destroyed once the trip is over. If your child is either asthmatic or anaphylaxis, they must ensure that they always carry their inhaler or EpiPen on them during the trip. By applying for a place on the trip, you are giving your consent for this information to be used for this purpose.

The Headteacher and Trip Organiser may choose to exclude from the trip any students whose behaviour or schoolwork is not satisfactory. Any student withdrawn by The Stonehenge School for these reasons will be at the expense of the parents. It is not possible to guarantee any refund of monies already committed by The Stonehenge School and indeed expenses not already covered may be claimed from you. Students must understand that their behaviour around school and in lessons will be taken into account when deciding if they are suitable for the trip, as good behaviour and co-operation is necessary when taking part in a trip abroad.

We hope that you will support this exciting opportunity for your son/daughter.

Should you have any queries or questions about signing your son/daughter up, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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