

September 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

In April 2025 during the Easter holiday we are planning a visit to Germany. The visit provides a wonderful opportunity for pupils to practise the German language in an authentic setting and will be encouraged to use their German at every opportunity. We will be visiting a range of culturally and historically significant sites around Cologne, allowing a deeper understanding of German culture. In Amsterdam we are planning a visit to the Anne Frank House and to have a short sail on the canals of this capital city. This visit is open to Year 7 and 8 pupils.

The provisional details are set out below for your perusal.

Itinerary

Saturday 5 April Pupils will leave school about lunchtime by luxury coach to Newcastle, then catch the overnight ferry to Amsterdam.

Sunday 6 April Pupils will spend the morning in Amsterdam and then drive to the hotel in Cologne, aiming to arrive in the afternoon in time for the evening meal in the hotel.

Monday 7 April - Wednesday 9 April Our school party has access to the coach for undertaking as many excursions as possible.

Wednesday 9 April Visit to Phantasialand until it closes. Drive straight to Calais for crossing back to the UK via the Eurotunnel.

Thursday 10 April Coach drive from Dover to Chorley, aiming to arrive back at school early morning.

Price

The cost of the holiday this year is £657. This includes full board accommodation from dinnertime on Sunday 6 April 2025 to lunchtime on Wednesday 9 April 2025, travel insurance and fees for the various excursions. We plan to visit at least one magnificent castle, go swimming at the local pool and visit Phantasialand, Germany's answer to Disneyland.

Payment

Please do not send in any money for this trip until your child has secured a place. Please complete the attached form and return to Mr Hooley by Monday 7 October if your child is interested in securing a place. Pupils who have submitted their form will have to attend a meeting at lunchtime

on Wednesday 9 October in M2 where they will write their names on lists with their friends. Pupils will then be selected out of a hat. Pupils who are successful in securing a place will receive a confirmation letter with further details about the trip. Payment may be made in full when booking or alternatively by instalments.

To maintain guaranteed prices it is vital that the following minimum payments are forwarded to us by the dates given:

- Initial deposit of £250 by Wednesday 16 October 2024
- Second instalment of £207 by Wednesday 4 December 2024
- Remaining £200 by Wednesday 5 February 2025

Information regarding payments will be shared on a further letter if your child is successful in securing a place.

Thank you for your interest in the Germany trip.

Yours sincerely

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Germany holiday 2025

Name of Pupil Tutorial

I agree to my child taking part in the visit to Germany and Amsterdam at Easter 2025.

Signed (Parent / Carer)

My child currently has a place on or has previously been on an overnight visit with St Michael's.

Yes No

If yes, please state the visit(s) in which your child is or was involved.

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