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Dear Parent and Carers

Re: Year 9 and Year 10 GCSE German Trip to Cologne 13-16 June 2025 Inclusive

I am writing to you about the planned German trip to Cologne which will take place in **June 2025**, students will travel for four days and three nights. This trip aims to not only broaden the students' cultural awareness of Germany, but also to practise the language they have learnt in the classroom. The trip is based on using German language skills and developing cultural awareness and therefore would be best suited to those students who have an interest in learning the German language.'

Students will be expected to behave responsibly in line with the St Martin's School behaviour policy. Over the four days students will visit, The Lindt Chocolate Museum, Cologne Football Club, Markburg Castle and Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett Museum.

Voyager School Travel, is the company we will be using, who specialises in educational trips abroad and are licenced by ATOL. We will be staying at DJH Youth Hostel Cologne-Deutz, a youth hostel located in the heart of the city, with half board accommodation. Please find the link to the accommodation's website here: <https://www.jugendherberge.de/en/youth-hostels/koeln-deutz>. The coach will depart St Martin's School early morning on **Friday 13 June** to Dover. Then travel via ferry crossing from Dover to Calais and arrive in Cologne by coach in the afternoon. The return coach will depart Cologne at midday on **Monday 16 June** and cross over from Calais back to Dover. We aim to arrive at St Martin's in the evening on **Monday 16 June**.

The cost of the trip will be £534 per student this includes all travel, accommodation, half board (breakfast and dinner included) and activities. Students will need to bring some spending money to cover their lunch and any drinks, we would suggest €15 per day. The School will use Pupil Premium funding to subsidise the cost for qualified students. The group will be led by myself and two other staff members. Places on the trip will be randomly allocated by computer to ensure fairness.

You do not need to enclose a deposit at this stage and if your child is successful in gaining a place, you will be informed when the deposit or full payment is required. You will be able to pay in instalments using ParentPay.

Please note students will need a valid passport to travel for the trip.

If you are interested in your son/daughter participating in the trip, please complete the attached consent form with full medical information and dietary requirements included. Please return this form to the finance office **no later than 25 June 2024**.



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If you have any further queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school or email me at lmerc@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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Head of German and Trip Leader