

15 February 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to be able to offer the opportunity for your child to participate in a language visit to Aachen and Cologne in Germany from 4-6 December 2019.

The best place to gain real understanding of a language is in the country where it is spoken. This visit will therefore be an excellent opportunity for your child to gain some intensive and focused exposure to the language and culture which, from our own experiences, we believe will be invaluable for them. The language study visit to Germany gives students the opportunity to improve their fluency, confidence and understanding of the language at the same time as gaining knowledge of another country's culture, experiencing new surroundings, meeting new people and gaining invaluable experience abroad. It is therefore both an educational and cultural experience.

The final price of the 3-day visit will be dependent upon the number of students who enrol, however I estimate the total cost to be around £272. This will be confirmed after the deadline for paying a deposit has passed.

This cost includes return travel from the school to Germany via coach, accommodation with full board for 2 nights at a youth hostel in Aachen that we have used previously, and all activities and excursions. Financial support may be available for students who qualify for pupil premium; please contact Julia Marshall if you would like to discuss this possibility.

Activities that will be offered to students in Germany will be exciting, cultural and will encourage the use of German. They include things like visiting the famous Christmas markets in Aachen, having a guided tour of the beautiful city of Aachen, visiting the cathedral in Cologne, walking around the old town in Cologne and by the river Rhine, having a tour of a Lindt chocolate factory and experiencing the German tradition of 'Kaffee und Kuchen' (coffee and cake). During their time in Germany students will be encouraged to read, listen to, speak and write German as much as possible. Indeed, as we pass through France and Belgium students will also be able to see and experience some French and Flemish.

As you may be aware, the government has set a target of 75% of GCSE students studying Ebacc subjects by 2022 (which includes studying a foreign language). Based on this, and given the many benefits of studying a foreign language further, we would encourage as many students to attend this visit as possible in order to prepare themselves as best they can for their future.



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Please note that if your child should withdraw from the visit it may not be possible to receive a refund and you may be expected to pay for the trip in full. We expect all students will be keen to work towards a successful and beneficial visit but the school does reserve the right not to take any student whose behaviour/attitude in school leading up to the visit has given cause for concern.

We only have limited number of places on this visit so, if your son/daughter is interested in joining us, please reply as soon as possible and no later than Friday 15 March, together with your non-refundable deposit of £50 and the completed parental consent form.

This visit represents an excellent opportunity for students to spend time in Germany and totally immerse themselves in the German language and culture, and is one that I hope you will be able to support so that we can continue to offer it in future years.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Kay  
Head of MFL

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**To be returned to The Nobel School Reception by 15 March 2019**

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in the MFL trip to Germany from 4-6 December 2019.

**I have enclosed a non-refundable deposit of £50.00.**

**Once your child has accepted a place on the trip, the instalments will be set up on Schoolcomms. Cash and cheque payments will continue to be accepted in school.**

Signed (Parent/Carer) \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_



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