

The Black Forest, Germany Trip, 2019

19th June 2018

Dear Parent,

I am pleased to write to you about a planned tour for Year 8 and 9 pupils to the Black Forest (Hochschwarzwald) region of Germany from 15th to 19th July 2019..

The trip will give pupils the opportunity to explore the beautiful Breisgau Hochschwarzwald region in Baden-Württemberg, Southern Germany. Activities offered to pupils will include a visit to the medieval city of Freiburg; hiking in the beautiful alpine region of Feldberg; expanding culinary appetites with apple strudel, schnitzels, spatzl and Black Forest cake; tackling their fear of heights on the high ropes course in Titisee; visiting the Indoor waterslides at Badeparadies waterpark; wandering among the famous Triberger waterfalls; viewing the world's largest cuckoo clock and the house of 1000 clocks; tackling the German mountains on a chairlift and descending via the toboggan run at Hasenhorn; riding rollercoasters at Europa Park; exploring the historical past of the Hochschwarzwald area at the Vogtsbauernhof living history museum and much more.

This trip will be a valuable experience for all pupils but will be of additional benefit to those studying German. Return flights will be from London Gatwick to Basel Mulhouse, Switzerland and a private mini bus will be used throughout the trip to transport pupils. Accommodation will be in the picturesque lakeside town of Feldberg at the DJH Jugendherberge (Youth Hostel). The DJH group of hostels specialise in accommodation for school groups and youth camps and provide a fantastic value for money experience for school children. The accommodation includes full board and consists of bunk style accommodation.

The total cost for this trip will be £675. If you wish your child to take part in this exciting opportunity, please return the slip below to Mrs Cleland in the school office with a non-refundable deposit of £200 by **Friday 13th July 2018**.

All pupils will require a valid passport and EHI Card. A valid and current passport must be held by the pupil as the school will NOT be travelling on a collective group passport.

A full, detailed itinerary will be provided nearer to departure, along with a Parents' Information Evening to describe the visit and for further questions to be answered.

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This amount will then be followed by five non-refundable payments as follows:-

Monday 17 th September	£100 non-refundable payment
Monday 15 th October	£100 non-refundable payment
Monday 19 th November	£100 non-refundable payment
Monday 14 th January 2019	£100 non-refundable payment
Monday 11 th March 2019	£75 non-refundable payment

The trip will be booked through various travel representatives so once you have made your deposit of £200 you are committed to paying all the other amounts as detailed above. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Parents should be fully aware that the final acceptance of a pupil on this trip is at the discretion of the school and the behaviour of any pupil during the school year may be taken into account when reaching a decision.

Please note that this trip to Germany takes place during the school's annual Activity Week so we would want to let you know that there will be a selection of other trips available, but details about these will not be available until the Autumn Term. These could include a local and/or European residential trips. There will also be day activities and in previous years these have included a Creative Workshop, Bushcraft, Fishing, Horse Riding, Water and Land activities, Creative Workshop and sporting activities both at school and at other outside providers.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss the visit in further detail.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Caine Willcox
Technology Faculty

REPLY SLIP - PLEASE RETURN TO MRS CLELAND IN PUPIL SERVICES

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To be returned to Pupil Services by Friday 13th July 2018

I give permission for my son/daughterT/G

to take part in the visit from 15th to 19th July 2019 as described in the letter dated June 2018.

I have enclosed:

- £200 (cheques made payable to 'Test Valley School')
- I wish to pay subsequent non-refundable instalments via the e-payment method
- My child is registered for Pupil Premium and I would like to apply for a contribution towards the cost of this trip.

I understand that once my child has been accepted on the trip a refund will not be possible as bookings will have been made and places paid for.

Signature of parent:

Name of parent (printed):

Date: