

6 May 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian

YEAR 8 – VISIT TO RHINELAND, GERMANY - SUNDAY 14 JUNE – THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2015
ITINERARY AND MEETING FOR PARENTS and BOYS

I am writing with final details of the Year 8 trip to the Rhineland.

<u>Departure</u>	Date:	Sunday 14 June 2015
	Time:	05:30 (meet at 05:15)
	Place:	Salisbury Coach Park, Mill Stream Approach
<u>Return</u>	Date:	Thursday 18 June 2015
	Time:	20:00
	Place:	Salisbury Coach Park, Mill Stream Approach

Travel Arrangements

Eagleline Coaches, P&O Dover/Calais.

As we shall be travelling for most of the day, students should bring with them a generous packed lunch. Chewing gum and fizzy drinks are not permitted.

Itinerary

Sunday 14 June

05:15	Assemble at Salisbury Coach Park, Mill Stream Approach
09:25	P&O Ferry departs Dover
11:55	P&O Ferry arrives Calais (local time)
19:00	Arrive Youth Hostel in Oberwesel

Monday 15 June

09:00	Depart Youth Hostel
10:00	Arrive Rheingauschule, Geisenheim Sports and BBQ with German students
13:30	Coach to Assmanshausen Cable car to Niederwalddenkmal Walk down through vineyards Sight-seeing and free time in Rudesheim
16:30	Boat Trip Rudesheim – Oberwesel

Tuesday 16 June

10:00	Depart Youth Hostel
11:30	Arrive Cologne
13:00	Guided Tour at Schokoladenmuseum
15:00	Visit to Cologne Cathedral
16:00	Sightseeing & Shopping in Cologne

Wednesday 17 June

09:00	Depart Youth Hostel
11:00	Arrive Phantasialand
16:00	Depart Phantasialand
18:00	Arrive Youth Hostel
Evening	Talent Show

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Thursday 18 June

08:30 Depart youth hostel
17:15 P&O Ferry departs Calais
17:45 P&O Ferry arrives Dover (local time)
20:00 Arrive Salisbury, Coach Park, Mill Stream Approach

In the evenings, the boys will have an opportunity to relax and/or join in further activities such as quizzes and team games. On the final evening there will be a talent contest, so the boys will need to have prepared something for this.

Money

Students will be expected to be responsible for their own money. All meals and entrance fees are included in the cost of the trip, so students should not need a vast amount of spending money; I would suggest €80 as a maximum amount.

Packing

Due to space limitations in the coach, each student should only bring one suitcase/holdall and a day sack. We can expect the weather in Germany to be similar to the weather here for the time of year; students should bring suitable clothing for this season. A waterproof is essential. There will be a fair amount of walking, so students should have comfortable and sturdy shoes. Students may also have the opportunity to go swimming, so should bring swimming trunks. They also need to bring with them towels for both swimming and using in the hostel.

Hostel Information

DJH Jugendherberge Oberwesel
Auf dem Schönberg
55430 Oberwesel Germany
Tel: 00 49 (0)6744 93330

For any routine queries, please contact the School (01722 333851). I shall be in daily contact with the School, so will be able to receive routine messages. In an emergency, I can be contacted on School Mobile No: 07511 952718.

Students are permitted to bring their mobile phones at their own risk. As many students will have a mobile phone, I shall not be organising a telephone chain. In the event of any change to our arrival back at school, the boys will be asked to contact you directly or I shall call you myself.

Medication

If your son requires regular medication or may need it for hayfever, for example, please can they hand it to us clearly labelled on the day, or before if possible? Especially for asthma sufferers, please ensure you bring a spare inhaler.

Meeting

There will be a meeting for Parents and Boys at 1700 on Tuesday 19 May 2015 in W1. Please bring your son's **PASSPORT** and **EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD** to this meeting. I will collect these items in and keep them in the safe ready for our departure. If you are not able to attend the meeting, or if they are required during half term, please send in these two items to school with your son as soon as possible; he should take them directly to the Finance Office on the first floor in No11.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at School.

Yours sincerely

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