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Dear «Parental_Salutation»

Year 10 French & German Trips

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is pleased to offer «Forename» the opportunity to participate in a trip to France or to Germany from Sunday 9th to Friday 14th June 2024. These trips are only offered to the current Year 9 students. To balance the number of participants on both trips, students who have opted to study French or both French and German at GCSE will go to France and the rest of the cohort will go to Germany.

The cost of each trip has been carefully calculated and includes the price charged by Glo-Ed, the travel company, for travel, insurance, food, board on a homestay basis in France or hostel in Germany, all excursions, plus some hours of language tuition depending on the trip. In addition, for extra-curricular trips such as these, there is an administration fee charged by the school.

On the trip to France, your child will be staying with a friend with a host family who will provide them with three meals a day and accommodation. They will give them an insight into family life and give them opportunities to practise and improve their knowledge of the language.

On the trip to Germany, students will be split into 2 groups and will stay in 2 different hostels. In addition to excursions during the day, there will be cultural and language activities organised by the staff in the evening.

In both cases, students will be accompanied on the trip by members of staff from Kendrick.

The French trip is to Tours in the Loire Valley where the students will visit sites such as Amboise, Clos-Lucé (home of Leonardo Di Vinci), Chenonceau Chateau, the old town of Tours and the Futuroscope as well as 3 mornings of language tuition in a language school.

The German trip is to the Rhine region in the state of Rhineland-Palatinate. Outings will include a day trip on the Rhine, a visit to a medieval castle, to Abbey Eberbach for a non-alcoholic wine tasting, a tour of the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz and a German dance lesson.

Every student will need to have a valid passport, making sure that there are at least 3 months of validity left on it. Please bear in mind that the UK Passport Office is currently experiencing long delays in processing passport applications.

Students who do not have a British or European passport will need to check with their Embassy whether a Visa is needed to enter France or Germany. Please note that Visa application need to be requested at least 6 months in advance of the trip. We will not be able to take students who have not received their Visa in time for the trip.

EHICs are still valid until their expiry date. After that, you will need to apply for a Global Health Insurance card:

<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

The cost of each trip is £660 and is an ideal opportunity for your child to improve their linguistic skills and enjoy the culture and splendour of the country they will be visiting. You will be able to spread the cost by paying in 10 instalments. Please be aware that this price is based on all students participating and may have to go up depending on numbers.

Please can you ensure that you have paid a non-refundable deposit of £110 by June 17th 2023, through your ParentPay online account. This payment will confirm your child's participation on the trip. This will be followed by 5 payments of £110 due on 14th July, 30th September, 30th November 2023, 31st January and 31st March 2024. You can use this as a guide to assist you managing the cost of the trip. Full payment, however, must have been made no later than Friday 31st March 2024.

If any individual cancellation is made before February 29th 2024, whether deliberately or by default, 50% of the balance of fees must still be paid (£330). After this date, if participation is cancelled, whether deliberately or by default, the balance of fees must still be paid in full.

If you have any difficulties in paying, please contact our Finance Department by email finance@kendrick.reading.sch.uk. Students eligible for Pupil Premium (PPG) will be provided with some financial assistance to participate on the trip; to discuss this please contact the Finance Department for further information.

Please read the attached FAQ and if you still have questions, please direct them to admin@kendrick.reading.sch.uk. A member of staff will get back to you within 3 days.

Yours sincerely

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Head of French

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