

The Douay Martyrs Catholic Secondary School



17th January 2020

Headteacher:
Mr Anthony Corish
B.A, M.A, P.G.C.E, N.P.Q.H

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Trip to the Christmas Markets in Cologne, 26th – 28th November 2020

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I am pleased to inform you that the Modern Languages Department will be organising a trip to the Christmas Markets in Cologne in November 2020.

The trip is open to students in Year 7 who are interested in language studies and offers a tremendous educational experience. Cologne is situated in the west of Germany on the River Rhine and is famous for its tall and beautiful Gothic cathedral. We will be leaving school on Thursday 26th November in the evening and will arrive in Cologne for breakfast on Friday morning. During the day we will be visiting the Cathedral, and various Christmas markets in the Old Town and the town centre (the town centre and the Old Town are fully pedestrianised and safe. Please note that students will be walking a lot!). We will be leaving Cologne in the early evening and will be arriving back at school early Saturday morning.

This **non-residential** trip (= **without an overnight stay in a hotel**) will take place on the weekend of the 1st of Advent, from Thursday 26th November (evening) to Saturday 28th November (early morning). The cost of the trip is **£125.00** which includes executive coach travel (overnight) from school and back, return channel crossings (tunnel shuttle), all entry fees and travel insurance. The price is based on 32 participants; if more students want to attend the trip it will become cheaper. They will be accompanied by 6 staff. **Pocket money and food are not included in the tour price.**

If you wish to apply for a place for your child, please **return the slip attached to the Finance Office and pay the deposit of £60.00 by Monday 3rd February on ParentPay.** The school will not be accepting payment by cash or cheque. At this stage – please do not pay the full amount as the price may change. Please be aware that each child needs to have their own valid passport.

Deposits are not refundable once your child has been accepted for the trip. The remaining £65.00 will be paid in two further instalments by mid-July.

Please note that this is a very popular trip and places get taken up quickly. However, places will not be allocated on a 'first come' basis: students who have shown great enthusiasm in learning French or Spanish and who have proven themselves to be reliable and co-operative around school and in lessons will be given first opportunity to attend. If you require further information, you can contact me via e-mail: mhommelsheimbart@douaymartyrs.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs. M. Hommelsheim-Bart
Assistant Headteacher

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Trip to the German Christmas Markets in Cologne, Germany
26th-28th November 2020

This form must be returned to the Finance office by **Monday 3rd February**

Name of Student (please print):

Form: 7_____

I wish to apply for a place for my child on the trip to the German Christmas Markets in Cologne in November 2020.

I have paid the deposit of £60.00 via ParentPay on_____ (please insert date)

I understand that:

- the deposit is non-refundable once my child has been accepted for the trip
- **that this trip is non-residential and does not include any form of hotel accommodation**
- meals are also not included in the tour price
- my child must have his/her own valid EU/UK passport or a valid non-EU/UK passport with a valid visa/resident permit for the UK.
- Students holding other passports than a UK or EU passport may have to apply for a visa for Germany as the EU visa-waiver scheme for school-trip could no longer be accessible to UK schools after Brexit
- my child must have a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC; available free of charge from NHS on-line) if the arrangement continues after Brexit

Signed:_____

Please print name:_____

Date: _____