



Sponne School
A Music & Science Academy

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9th June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

PROPOSED Year 8 German visit – 15th to 19th July 2024

We are proposing to take a group of Year 8 students (current year 7) on a German residential visit. We will be travelling by coach to the Rhineland area of Germany and will be staying in a school friendly hotel.

The aim of the visit is to give your child the opportunity of staying in Germany with the chance to experience the culture and language of a German speaking country

The total price for the visit is likely to be in the region of £570-600 but at this point we cannot give a definitive figure – this will be advised to parents when the attendance numbers have been confirmed.

We will be staying for 4 nights on a half board basis and whilst in Germany we will undertake a number of activities and visits, all of which are included in the above price. Students may bring extra money to spend on snacks and also during some unsupervised time the students will have in shopping centres/areas.

Your child will need his or her **own passport** as well as a valid GHIC or EHIC (NHS Health Insurance Card).

To register your expression of interest in the trip, please see below :

- You must complete a google form to register by Wednesday 14th June – find it [here](#)
The google form will be closed and no longer accepting responses from 9am on Thursday 15th June
- Based on previous experience, it is highly likely that the visit will be over-subscribed
- All names that we receive via completion of the google form will be entered into an online random name selector once the google form has been closed. Unsuccessful students will be placed on a waiting list, the order of which will also be selected using the random name selector. All parents will be informed of the outcome for their child by email in due course.

We kindly request that by securing a place on this trip, parents/carers are in agreement to follow the Payment Plan detailed below. It is important that the Plan is adhered to as it enables School to be able to fulfil an arranged commitment with the tour operator to pay invoices in instalments. It is also designed to spread the cost for parents before the final date so that a large sum does not become due in one instalment.

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The payment schedule is set by the tour operator and as it is not possible for them to hold accommodation for us for long, payments need to start straight away to secure the trip at the price we have been quoted. Please note that the payment schedule for those attending the trip will be as follows :

£100 by the end of June to secure your child's place
£100 by the end of July
£100 by the end of August
£100 by the end of Sept
£75 by the end of October
£75 by the end of November
£final amount outstanding once numbers confirmed - by the end of December

All payments must be paid via TSCO Scopay.

Please be advised that should a place be booked for your son/daughter and they later withdraw, we always endeavour to find a replacement student for the place. However if this is not possible, the tour operators terms and conditions state they will retain a minimum of the first deposit amount and up to 100% of the trip price depending on the date of withdrawal.

Should concerns be raised by school staff regarding behaviour or attendance issues of students, the school reserves the right to withdraw places on the trip at any time. Should this become necessary no refunds of monies paid will be forthcoming other than as per the tour operator's terms and conditions above.

I hope I have covered the main details but if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at awhitbread@sponne.org.uk For any financial queries, please email cinvernizzi@sponne.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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