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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Christmas Markets Visit 29th November- 1st December 2023

The German Department is delighted to invite your child on the visit to the Christmas markets in Cologne. This is the fourth time we have run this trip which has always been very successful and enjoyed by both students and staff. We will depart on Wednesday 29th November 2023 and then spend two nights in Cologne, visiting the cathedral and the Christmas markets, along with another activity to be confirmed. We will return to Canterbury on Friday 1st December 2023.

The 2-night / 3-day visit will cost in the region of £250 but no more than £280 depending on numbers. This cost includes all excursions, coach travel to and from Cologne, travel at our destination and full board accommodation. The visit will only take place if sufficient funds are collected. To help families who find it difficult to contribute, please contact the finance department by email finance@langton.kent.sch.uk in confidence, by **Friday 17th March 2023**.

In the first instance, this trip will be offered to students studying German in the current Year 8 and 12. There will be a limited number of places available. If the trip is oversubscribed, then a lottery system for places will be undertaken. Places will not be offered on a first come first served basis.

Please ensure that both the consent form and the payment of the deposit are submitted by the deadline to ensure your child's place in any required lottery.

Should a place not be offered to your child, the deposit will be refunded. If students, having been offered a place decide to withdraw, then their place on the trip will be offered to other current students. Monies will only be refunded in this instance if a replacement student can be found.

Please note that if your child has incurred 15 or more behaviour points, they will not be eligible for this trip.

In order to have the opportunity to secure a place for your child, you will need to provide a deposit of **£75 payable via ParentPay by Monday 27th March 2023** and have also completed the consent form by the same date.

Early booking secures the best price for this trip and will allow for the balance to be paid in instalments. Subsequent instalments will be due by the end of April and June.

A valid passport and EHIC/GHIC is required: British travellers to the EU from 1st January 2021 must have a minimum of three months' validity remaining for travel to Europe. Students holding a non-British or non-EU-member passport may be required to apply for a Schengen area visa to enter France.

I will write to you again to confirm whether your child has a place on the trip. The amounts of the further instalments will be confirmed in this letter.

If you require any further clarification, please contact me by email cpollard@langton.kent.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C Pollard'.

Mrs C Pollard

German department