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Dormston SCHOOL
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CURRENT YEAR 9/10 GERMAN STUDENTS PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: GERMAN TRIP Easter 2028

Guten Tag! Congratulations. We can offer you a place for the trip. Thank you for expressing an interest in participating in the Dormston School German trip Easter 2028. This letter is intended to give you a brief outline of what is involved. If your child does not wish to take up their place, PLEASE PLEASE, let me know as very soon as possible as we have a waiting list.

This year we will be staying in the old capital city of Bonn and visiting other beautiful towns and cities along the magical river Rhine (Rhein). We will spend a day in Cologne for shopping and a river cruise, a day at Phantasialand Theme Park, a trip to the Lidt Chocolate Factory, a visit to Aachen and hopefully spend some time visiting where Belgium, The Netherlands and Germany meet. Together with our study tour company, we are in the process of planning an exciting itinerary.

The dates of this exciting residential have now been confirmed. The trip will take place towards the end of the Spring term; from **Thursday 6th April – Monday 10th April 2028**. Having now established numbers, we have a price of **£690** for the trip. The price is inclusive of all coach transfers, ferry, accommodation, all meals (except the meals en route) all entrance fees and a hoody.

We will ask students to bring a packed lunch and snacks for the first day when travelling, some money in pounds sterling for service stations and the ferry and also some spending money in euros for souvenirs etc. or cards should they wish to use them.

I am sure you will appreciate that students will be taken only on the understanding that their behaviour in school prior to the trip is exemplary. To comply with risk assessment guidelines, it is not possible to take pupils who present a risk to themselves or other pupils or staff. We therefore reserve the right to bar students from the trip whose behaviour has been unacceptable to us.

In these exceptional circumstances I am afraid that monies paid to the company will be non-refundable. Money will also not be refunded if pupils pull out or are unable to attend in the weeks running up to our trip. Payments need to be made to the company in advance of us leaving in order to pay for ferries, hotels etc just like a normal holiday. Please adhere to the payment schedule, we will not take any pupil with us who has not paid the full amount or who does not keep up to date with payments.

If you are willing to allow your son or daughter to participate in the trip please complete the attached forms quiz by Friday 23rd October 2026 and make parent payments for the deposit.

Germany Trip - Easter 2028. Place offered. – Fill in form

A ParentPay System will soon be activated for this trip. We request that the **first deposit of at least £50** is paid via the ParentPay System**.** It is your decision how much deposit you would like to pay, as long as the minimum deposit of £50 is covered. Similarly, the payment schedule reflects the **minimum** deposits to be paid by each deadline. If at any given time you wish to pay more than the minimum payment this is perfectly acceptable and your remaining balance will be worked out accordingly.

Could I please ask you to check that existing passports will still be in date for the trip dates. If your son or daughter doesn't already have a passport, could you please also make it a priority to order one? I speak from personal experience in this as very sadly and despite us asking well in advance, two pupils have now been unable to accompany us as their passports didn't arrive in time. A very sombre experience for staff and fellow pupils as I am sure you can imagine.

Proposed payment schedule

Initial deposit	£50 (non-refundable)	By Thursday 22nd October 2026
1st Payment	£70 (non-refundable)	By Monday 23rd November 2026
2nd Payment	£70 (non-refundable)	By Monday 1st February 2026
3rd Payment	£70 (non-refundable)	By Monday 1st March 2027
4th Payment	£70 (non-refundable)	By Monday 5th April 2027
5th Payment	£70 (non-refundable)	By Monday 3rd May 2027
6th Payment	£70 (non-refundable)	By Monday 7th June 2027
7th Payment	£70 (non-refundable)	By Monday 5th July 2027
8th Payment	£70 (non-refundable)	By Monday 6th September 2027
9th Payment	£80 (non-refundable)	By Monday 4th October 2027

We are über-excited about our trip, and further details of our planned itinerary will be made available nearer the time.

Yours sincerely

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