

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Germany Trip 2020

One of the complications that schools are facing during the lockdown period is the cancellation of trips and visits. We have been negotiating with the travel company regarding this October's Germany trip. Thank you for your patience whilst we have been trying to secure a satisfactory way forward. I now have some information to share with you.

The deposits that you paid for this trip were used to secure the booking with the travel company. The travel company will not refund our deposits if we cancel now. We are unable to delay the decision to cancel the trip until October or wait for the company to cancel as we are due to pay the final balance on 1st July. They are expecting us to pay this if we don't cancel. We don't want you to commit any more money with such uncertainty. Therefore, we have made the decision that **we will not run the trip in October** due to the uncertainty around Covid 19, particularly around traveling abroad.

Without a refund from the travel company, we cannot repay your deposits as we are also prohibited from using school funds for this purpose. In addition, travel insurance does not cover us for this eventuality.

We have been offered the opportunity to postpone the trip until October 2021. This would mean that we would not have to commit more money at this stage and optimistically (although nobody knows for sure), there is much more chance of travel restrictions and social distancing measures being eased in October 2021.

In order not to lose the deposits, we recommend the following:

- Postpone the trip until October 2021.
- We would run the trip as a Year 11 and Year 12 trip.
- Deposits would carry over and further payments would be delayed to next year.
- If your child decides not to stay in school for Year 12, then we would open up their places to other students and we would refund your deposit as soon as those places are filled.

The alternative is to cancel the trip and lose the deposits.

We would like to gauge your views on this proposal and ask you to fill in [this survey](#) by **Wednesday 1st July**.

As soon as we have had a general indication of your support for or against this proposal, we will be in touch again.

Yours faithfully



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