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Dear Parent / Carer

20 October 2016

**Year 8 German Visit to the Blackforest, Germany
3 – 7 July 2017**

Cotham School's Modern Foreign Languages Department invites Year 8 German students on an annual summer visit to the Black Forest region of Germany. The aim of the visit is to introduce students to one of the most beautiful regions of Germany, to allow them to practice the language skills they have learned, and to promote German language and culture. We will travel to Germany via a flight from Bristol to Basel, then by coach to Titisee-Neuenberg Youth Hostel 5km from Titisee. In Germany we will take advantage of their generously subsidised travel scheme for visitors and travel on local buses, trams and trains. There will be an energetic programme of activities including canoeing, hiking, downhill trolley-sledging, raft building teamwork on Lake Titisee, and swimming (an ability to swim is strongly recommended). We will also visit the historic town of Freiberg and finish with a visit to Europapark. All meals are included in the cost, including a small allowance for students to budget for and buy a picnic lunch in Freiburg's open air market, dinner at Andy's Pfeffermühle in Todtnau, and a fire-side BBQ evening at the Youth Hostel. Full risk assessments are in place for this visit. Students **must** have their own current passport and European Health Card (EHIC) with them in order to travel.

We are requesting a voluntary contribution of £427 to cover all associated costs incl. airport transfers to and from Bristol airport. Places are limited to 40. This annual trip is extremely popular and is usually oversubscribed. In order to ensure that the allocation of places is carried out in as fair a way as possible we are asking that those who would like a place for their child **return the reply slip below to their child's German teacher or email to visits_admin by Friday 4 November at the latest strachanm@cotham.bristol.sch.uk**. If the visit is oversubscribed by this date we will conduct a draw and notify parents of the outcome.

The school's expectation is that your child's attendance is 94% or above in order to participate in this trip. Students' attendance history will be taken into account early in the academic year.

For those offered a place we will require the deposit as confirmation of **acceptance of the place by 1 December at the latest to book our flights**. A schedule of three further payments will then apply. For those unsuccessful a reserve list will operate. Unfortunately if insufficient voluntary contributions are received the visit will be cancelled. For information about financial assistance for school trips please see the school website – Menu/News,Events,Dates/Trips & Visits. **Please note that if a student subsequently withdraws from the visit then any payments made will be non-refundable unless a substitute for that place can be found.** Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Deposit of £50	on acceptance of a place and by 1 December
Second payment of £177	by 1 March
Third payment of £100	by 1 April
Fourth payment of £100	by 1 May

Yours sincerely

C Mason
Modern Foreign Languages

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Deputy Headteacher

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STUDENT NAME _____ TUTOR GROUP _____

GERMAN TEACHER _____

I would like to apply for a place for my child on the Yr 8 language visit.

Signed (Parent / Carer) _____ Print Name _____ Date _____



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