

Key information in the letter issued to parents of Year 7.

As you may know, The Ashcombe School organises an "Activities Week" in July, when the normal school timetable is replaced by other activities. For the past 18 years now, large numbers of Year 7 pupils have enjoyed a highly successful 5-day residential visit to Germany.

As a school proud of its record of international visits, our hope is that every pupil in Year 7 who wants to take part will be able to do so.

The details of the visit are as follows:

Destinations:	Various small towns near the Rhine and Moselle rivers.
Accommodation	4 nights in a hotel (normally 3 or 4 pupils to a room)
Meals:	Full board (starts with Monday evening meal; ends with packed lunch on Friday).
Dates	Out early on Monday 16th July 2018. Return at around 8 pm on Friday 20th July 2018.
Transport	By coach (with seat-belts) and short ferry crossing (Dover - Calais).
Excursions	Using our coaches, we shall explore the Rhine and Moselle valleys with their vineyards, hilltop castles, and historic towns and villages.
Cost	£420.00 per pupil, fully inclusive, including insurance and entry fees for visits (this is a slight increase from previous years due to the impact of the value of the pound).

This is a marvellous opportunity for pupils, in a secure and well-supervised environment, to use a few of the German phrases they will learn in Year 7 and to gain a first insight into German life and culture. We do, of course, devise various activities to encourage our pupils to look carefully at their environment so that they obtain the maximum possible benefit from this visit.

As you are aware, this is a very large group to take abroad and, in the past, we have relied on parent volunteers as well as staff to accompany the trip. Everyone who has helped in the past has found this to be an enjoyable and worthwhile experience. If you are interested in helping us next year, please contact us. You need to have many qualities (as well as being a good parent!) to accompany such a large group, so think carefully before volunteering! We shall of course issue LA and School guidelines prior to the visit.

If you have any questions about the visit, please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Yours sincerely,

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Link to last year's blog:

<http://ashcombeyear7germany2017.blogspot.co.uk/2017/>

