



Tuesday 27 January 2026

Dear Students, Parents/Carers,

Year 9 Language Trips (26-ZY9LT)

Before Christmas I sent out a letter explaining how the process for Year 9 trips to France, Germany and Spain will work. This is the follow up to that letter where I aim to provide more information and allow you to express a preference, should you wish to.

Boppard, Germany December 2-6 2026.

Visits to Christmas markets in Boppard, Trier, Cologne and Rüdesheim. Additional trips to the chocolate museum and an Eiscafé in Cologne, to Marksburg castle and to a music museum in Rüdesheim.

This trip is organised first as it happens 6 months before the other two. We have made a provisional booking for the 2nd - 6th December 2026 for 50 students. The provisional cost is £720.

Valencia, Spain 24th - 29th May 2027 (These dates are to be confirmed)

Anticipated visits to the science museum, the cathedral, the aquarium, a boat trip on the Albufera lake, the Fallas museum.

The dates for this are to be confirmed as the process hasn't been started yet. The cost for the trip in 2026 is £700, but we anticipate that this will go up.

Loire Valley, France 5th - 10th June 2027 (These dates are to be confirmed)

Anticipated visits to Futuroscope theme park, a boat trip on the river Cher, visit to Chateau Royale d'Amboise, a chocolaterie, Poitiers.

The dates for this are to be confirmed as the process hasn't been started yet. The cost for the trip in 2026 is £810, but we anticipate that this will go up.

Place allocation (A reminder)

To make place allocation as fair as possible we will use the following system:

If you would like to apply for a trip you need to make a single deposit of £150 to show your commitment by **Tuesday 10 February 2026**. Registration for this trip will open on ParentMail at 7:00pm on Wednesday 28 January. If you are unable to find the payment item on your homepage in ParentMail you can search for the item in your shop page. To double check whether you have made a payment for this trip, go to Parent Mail, select 'Payments' on the left hand side and 'History' at the bottom of the screen.

Please also complete this [Google Form](#) telling us which trip would be your first choice. If you have a second choice (you can only apply for the 2 languages which your daughter takes) you will be able to state this here.

We would not want anyone to be unable to take part because of financial circumstances. If you would like to apply for financial support to enable your daughter to be considered for and then take part in a trip (whether or not your daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding), please register your interest on ParentMail and complete the confidential 'Request for Financial Assistance' form accessed via the [Trips and Visits](#) section of the website. Please reference the trip code: **26-ZY9LT**.

Once all deposits have been received, all names that have each trip as their first choice will be put in a hat for this trip. Names will then be selected randomly. Names will only be put into the hat for the trip which is their first choice.

Once this has been completed, if there are any spaces left on any of the trips, these will be offered to students who did not get a place on their first choice, and had this trip as their second choice. Again, if needed these will be drawn out of a hat.

Once the trips are full, we will then create waiting lists for each trip, putting on those who had it as their first choice but did not get a place on either their first or second trip. At this point if you do not get a space, your deposit will be refunded.

Students will not be able to go on 2 trips, unless the second trip they want to go on is undersubscribed. If a second trip is offered, a second deposit will also need to be paid.

A confirmation letter will be sent out once spaces have been allocated. If your daughter is unable to take up her place on the trip, please notify us as soon as possible so that the place can be allocated to another student. If a student drops out of the trip, a refund will not be possible unless they can be replaced by another student or for cancellation due to medical reasons, confirmed by a doctor. If successful in gaining a place on the trip, further information will follow for each trip confirming the payment plan.

Yours sincerely

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