

Dear Parent/Carer

13th January 2023

Year 9 Residential visit to the Rhineland, Germany

I would like to update you on a few more details regarding our trip to the Rhineland.

Firstly, I must apologise for the error in the original letter, which stated the incorrect departure date. The correct dates are **Thursday 30th March** and returning on **Monday 3rd April 2023** which is the first weekend of the Easter holidays.

Passport Requirements

Following the UK's withdrawal from the EU, all UK travellers to the EU must now have a passport that is valid for at least three months after the date of leaving the EU, which for us is **2nd July 2023**. Can I please ask that you check your child's passport for the expiry date. If it is before the 2nd July then please apply for a new passport as soon as possible.

Health Insurance Card

You may be aware that since Brexit the European Health Insurance card (EHIC) has been replaced by the Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). The card provides access to emergency healthcare treatment whilst abroad. The cards are easy to apply for and are free to UK citizens. You can access the relevant NHS website via this link.

<https://services.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/cra/start>

You do not need any other insurance as the school has adequate cover.

Payments

A reminder that the second instalment was due last week. If you have not yet paid this can I ask that you do so as soon as possible, please. The date of the final payment is also as below :

£100 by 6th January 2023

£200 by 10th February 2023

The preferred method of payment is through the school's **sQuid** facility but it can also be paid by cheque or cash to the Finance Office. Please make all cheques payable to "Vandyke School Fund".

Information Evening

More information regarding the trip as well as a detailed itinerary will be shared with you at Information Evening on **Thursday 9th March at 6.30pm**

You will appreciate that a journey abroad requires proper supervision and the full cooperation of all students. For this reason, we reserve the right not to take students abroad who have had behaviour-related concerns in school and we will review all students who wish to participate before making a final decision.

If you have any queries in advance of the Information Evening, please do not hesitate to contact me on phillipsp@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

Mr Paul Phillips

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