



# ST GEORGE'S ACADEMY

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Dear Parents

## German trip to Boppard: 12 – 15 July 2018

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE

Thank you for all the forms and photos. We are now making the final arrangements for the trip.

#### Accommodation

We are staying at the Hotel Bergschlösschen, situated in the picturesque little town of Boppard, in the Rhineland-Palatinate state of Germany. It lies approximately half way between the Belgian border to the West, and Frankfurt to the East; a major financial centre and home of the European Central Bank. To the North lies the city of Koblenz, the gateway to the Rhineland vineyards. Boppard itself is also known for its vineyards.

At the hotel, our group will occupy our own area away from other guests. Dormitories sleep between two and four students. Boys and girls are in separate rooms. Teachers' rooms are next to the dormitories. There is space for evening games and activities and a park a short walk from the hotel where the group will be able to play under staff supervision.

Accommodation address:

Hotel Bergschlösschen  
Mühltal 45  
56154 Germany

#### Transport

We are travelling by coach. Please see itinerary for meeting and collection times. Students will be expected to wear seatbelts while they are seated on the coach. There will be **no chewing gum** allowed on the coach. We will be taking the Dover – Calais ferry.

#### Luggage and Clothing

Please limit luggage to one small suitcase or holdall and one bag/rucksack to take on the coach. **Towels are not provided.** Students may wish to bring a pillow for use on the coach. They will need suitable footwear for walking – flat shoes or trainers would be ideal as some of the places we visit will have cobbled or uneven floors and some of the time we will be on grass. They will need wet weather gear (just in case!) and a jumper or similar in case it is chilly in the evenings. Sun cream and hats are recommended in case of hot weather for longer periods outside, such as at the theme park.

#### Other equipment

Pupils need to bring a pencil, pen and clipboard or similar for completing worksheets etc. They also may wish to bring footballs, bats and balls etc. for use in the evening. Other evening activities will be organised by staff. **Please note: any MP3 players, mobile phones, or other equipment will be the sole responsibility of the students.**



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### Meals

All meals will be provided once we arrive at the hotel and there will be a hot evening meal after our arrival on the first day in the late afternoon. Therefore, for the outward-bound journey, students will need a packed meal for lunch. However snacks can be purchased at motorway services and on the ferry. On the homeward-bound journey, students will have a packed lunch provided by the hotel, but will need enough money left over to buy food on the ferry or at the motorway services if required. We will be arriving back at the Academy at approximately 2330. Students will contact you with an accurate time when we are about an hour away from home.

### Behaviour and Safety

We would like to stress that responsible and exemplary behaviour will be expected of all students. No alcohol and no smoking will be allowed. We are sure you understand that if your child does not adhere to the rules, and instructions given by a member of staff, then appropriate sanctions will be taken. Students will also be required to stay in groups of at least four, particularly when on excursions. **Inevitably, there will be times when students will not be under direct adult supervision, and must accept responsibility for their own safety.**

### Contact

Please phone the Academy main reception (01529) 302487 if you have any concerns. We will be in regular contact with the Academy while we are away. In the unlikely event that you need to contact us out of hours, then please phone 07895 179149.

We will also be updating a Facebook page, so if you would like to follow us, please search "St George's @ Boppard, Germany". Regular updates will also be uploaded to the Academy website. On the return journey, students will be given the opportunity to phone home with an approximate time of arrival.

Please could you advise us urgently of any changes in address and telephone numbers. Do not hesitate to contact us at the Academy if you would like any further information about any of the activities or you have something you would like to discuss.

Yours sincerely



Mr L Anderson

### Itinerary

Thursday 12 July	Assemble in St George's front playground at midnight (ie Wednesday night!) Travel to Boppard by coach and ferry. Ferry crossing at 0640. Arrive at hotel approximately 1615. Evening: chairlift up the mountain near the hotel to views over the Rhine valley.
Friday 13 July	Group walk into town. Time to explore pedestrian area. River cruise on the Rhine from Boppard to St. Goar. Guided tour of Cochem Castle. Evening: ten-pin bowling in Koblenz.
Saturday 14 July	Visit to Phantasialand theme park near Bonn. Evening: games in the hotel function room.
Sunday 15 July	Leave the hotel at 0915. Travel home. Ferry crossing at 1755. Arrive back at the Academy at 2330 approximately.