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Dear Parent/Carer

Vocational Visit to Hamburg and Berlin, Germany: 16th – 20th January 2016

Many year 11 students are already aware of the successful and dynamic 5 day intensive study visit we run annually to our partner Higher Education College in Hamburg, Germany for students of vocational subjects and languages. This includes Business Studies, Economics, Health and Social Care or German students in year 12. The itinerary involves visits and activities relevant to the specific AS courses and is constructed around the study needs of students. The students will all travel and stay together, but events for the different departments will vary slightly.

All students will spend time looking at Hamburg's industry and will have a detailed visit to Hamburg's 'Airbus' plant and Holsten brewery. Students will be expected to observe and find out about work practices. Time will also be spent in the college. We have a long established partnership with the Hamburg Business College and very strong vocational links. The college has been rebuilt in the past year and now has stunning new buildings and facilities, with a large nursery unit on site. Students will visit and have the use of these upgraded facilities and classrooms to do follow up work and work related to our AS/Btec syllabuses, as well as opportunities to socialise and meet with German Business Studies students. We will also arrange a structured sightseeing tour of Hamburg.

We have a long and full day trip to Berlin planned with transport via Inter City train. We visit the main historical sites such as the Check Point Charlie Museum, holocaust memorial site and have a tour of the new Reichstag building which offers stunning panoramic views of Berlin from the famous Dome at the top of the building. Tasks will be given to students that are specifically related to the AS specification. All activities on this visit are aimed at broadening horizons, enhancing UCAS applications and offering future work experience opportunities abroad in year 13 if desired.

Travel details and cost of trip

Details are attached of the cost of the trip and eligibility for participation. All students will require a valid passport and an EHIC card.

The total cost of the trip will not exceed £445, which can be paid in instalments. Please note, we have been able to hold the same price as last year.

We appreciate your child is still in year 11 and has to sit GCSEs. To participate on this trip, students should fulfil ONE or more of these entrance requirements:

study an AS or Btec in Business Studies, Economics, Law, ICT or Health and Social Care .

At this stage we are only asking for a first, non-refundable deposit of £125 to secure our flights at the lowest possible price and qualify for early booking discounts.



If you would like your child to participate, please return the reply slip to Mr Whitehead or Mrs Valentine as soon as possible. Please forward a **deposit of £125** by making an online payment, or by sending in a cheque made payable to Sackville School. **Places are strictly limited to 12. We request you send in a deposit NO LATER THAN Friday 1st May 2015.**

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Whitehead or Mrs Valentine.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Whitehead
Head of Year 12 and 13

Mrs H Valentine
Deputy Head of Sixth Form



Dates: Saturday 16th – Wednesday 20th January 2016

Criteria for participation:

To participate on this trip, students should fulfil ONE or more of these entrance requirements:

- study an AS in Business Studies, Economics, Law or ICT
- study a Btec in any vocational subject such as Business Studies, Economics, Law, ICT or Health and Social Care
- have a valid passport
- have a valid EHIC (health insurance card) – this can be applied for free of charge online at www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyandGuidance/HealthAdviceforTravellers/fs/en

Transport: Return flights to Hamburg

All transport on Hamburg underground, buses, coach and boats included, plus cost of coach hire. Inter City train fare to Berlin also included

Visits: all costs of visits and workshops to companies included in price

Accommodation: bed and breakfast in Ibis hotel in central Hamburg, plus hire of study rooms in the hotel. All rooms have en-suite facilities.

Food: all breakfasts/lunches on 3 days included plus at least one evening meal

Evening meals to be taken in restaurants, at a cost of approximately 10 Euros per student.

Provisional itinerary:

The itinerary will include the following:

Day visit to Berlin – Inter City train fare included

2 visits to German companies, with tours and workshops (Airbus and Holsten)

Afternoon visit to medieval, historic town of Lüneburg, near Hamburg

Visit to German Business College with rooms available for studying

Official sightseeing tour of Hamburg, with supervised time spent in city centre

Social events in Hamburg such as bowling and swimming

Cost: £445



REPLY SLIP

To: Mr Whitehead or Mrs Valentine

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 1ST MAY 2015

Name of student Form

I give permission for my child to go on the educational study visit to Hamburg on 16th – 20th January 2016.

I have paid a deposit of £125 online/I enclose a cheque for £125 (*cheques made payable to Sackville School*).

I enclose a copy of my child’s EHIC card and a copy of the back page of their passport. (This can alternatively be scanned and sent via email to dwhitehead@wsgfl.org.uk)

Signed..... Parent/Carer Date

