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Dear Parent/Carer

**Vocational visit to Hamburg and Berlin, Germany:
Business Studies, Economics, Health and Social Care and German visit:
10th – 14th January 2015**

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, where we will have the use of classrooms to do follow up work and work related to our AS syllabuses. Students will have the opportunity to talk with German Business Studies students. We will also arrange a structured sightseeing tour of Hamburg. For those studying Health and Social Care, there will be visits to nurseries and child care institutions. Our partner school has a new child development centre on its site.

We have a long and full day trip to Berlin planned. We travel to Berlin by Inter City train and visit the main historical sites such as Check Point Charlie Museum, Holocaust Memorial Site and have a tour of the new Reichstag building which includes 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, and in the case of the German AS students, students will prepare their AS oral examination. For all students, it will enhance UCAS applications and offer work experience opportunities abroad at a later date 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. This can be applied for on-line at www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyandGuidance/HealthAdviceforTravellers/fs/en.

The total cost of the trip will not exceed £435, 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 await GCSE results before finalising AS options and at this stage we are only asking for a first, non refundable deposit – this will secure our flights at the lowest possible price.





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If you would like your child to participate, please return the form to Mr Whitehead or Mrs Valentine as soon as possible, enclosing a **deposit of £125**. **Alternatively, you may pay online. Places are strictly limited to 20. We request you send in a deposit NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 21st March 2014, so we can qualify for an early booking discount from the travel company and hopefully reduce the price of the trip slightly.**

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 and Trip Leader

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Reply slip: To Mr Whitehead (Year 12&13/Business Studies) or Mrs Valentine (Languages)

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2014

Name of student: **Form:**.....

I give permission for my child to go on the educational study visit to Hamburg on 10th – 14th January 2015.

I enclose a deposit of £125 (*cheques made payable to Sackville School*)/
I have paid online.
(*please delete as appropriate*)

Signed:..... Parent/Carer Date:





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Criteria for participation:

All students must study either:

- German
- Business Studies, Economics or German in year 12
- Vocational course such as Health and Social Care

Dates: Saturday 10th – Wednesday 14th January 2015

Transport: Return flight 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 a 2* 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/at least 2 evening meals.

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)

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: £435

