8th October 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 7 and 8 German Study Visit to Montabaur, Rheinland, 14-18th June 2010

Following the success of the Year 7 and 8 study visit to Montabaur last year, I am writing to inform you that we will be running the same trip from 14-18th June 2010 for Year 7 pupils and those who have recently begun German as their chosen language in Year 8.

The trip is intended to offer pupils in their first year of German studies an introduction to Germany, its culture, people and history. We intend to take pupils to the beautiful Rhineland Valley region of Germany, where we will be based in a lovely youth hostel in the picturesque village of Montabaur. During the five-day trip we will visit the beautiful town of Cochem, a famous German wine region on the river Mosel, where pupils will experience a cable car and complete a town trail quiz. Pupils will also have a guided tour of the fairytale castle, Burg Eltz, experience a cruise down the river Rhine and explore the town of Rüdesheim, taking in a delightful museum of rather eccentric and unique musical instruments. We will visit Cologne and its cathedral as well as the Imhoff-Stollwerk chocolate factory. On the morning of our departure, we will visit an animal game park and falconry display. Pupils will be required to produce a project booklet, recording what they have seen and experienced. They will have time to do this each day after the evening meal in the hostel.

The total cost of the trip will be between £265 and £290 per pupil, dependent on final numbers. It includes all travel on an executive coach, the ferry fare, accommodation, meals from the evening of arrival to the morning of our departure, entrance charges and insurance. The total cost consists of a charge for board and lodging as well as a voluntary contribution for transport and entrance fees. If insufficient pupils are prepared to pay the total cost including the voluntary contribution, the trip may have to be cancelled for all pupils. If you are entitled to financial support please contact the school in confidence before applying for the trip.

Your son/daughter will need an EHIC Card (easily obtained from the Post Office) and he/she will also need a valid individual passport (again forms are available from the Post Office). Please advise us if your child does not have an EU passport. Please check the expiry date of the passport which should still be valid at least six months after the date of the trip.

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in this trip, please complete the attached form and return it to the appropriate box outside the Finance Office with a **non-refundable** deposit of £50 by **Thursday 22nd October. It is important that this deadline is met.** All cheques should be made payable to Beaumont School and you should ensure that your child's name and form are written clearly on the reverse. Alternatively you can make payment over the internet using our new online payment system (NB: You must still return the attached reply slip to school). You will receive a separate letter with full details of how to access this. A second payment of £100 is due by Wednesday 9th December 2009 and the balance by Wednesday 10th March 2010. We are happy to accept smaller instalments or to discuss a different schedule for parent who may find these dates difficult – please contact the Finance Office in confidence to discuss. Could I also ask you to note that School Tour Operators do not differ from other travel companies with regards to cancellations and that cancellation fees will apply. I would like to draw your attention to the school Trips and Visits Policy, which requires that pupils participating in school visits have a good record of behaviour at school.

If places are oversubscribed and it proves necessary to create a selection process, pupils will be informed. In the event of your son/daughter not getting a place, the deposit will of course not be processed. I appreciate that it is in many ways very early to ask Year 7 pupils to decide about a trip which will take place next June, however we have to book our Enrichment Week trips very far in advance in order to secure the best accommodation possible for a large group. Some of you may feel nervous if this will be your first time away from home, but I would like to assure you that you will have a great week!

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Fairhead
Trip Coordinator

YEAR 7 GERMAN TRIP 2010 – REPLY SLIP

Return to the box marked 'Year 7 German Trip' outside the Finance Office by Thursday 22nd October

Pupil's Name……..…….. Form…….

I do wish my son/daughter to participate in the study visit to Montabaur

I am/am not* prepared to make the contribution requested. *(*Please delete as applicable)*

Please tick the appropriate box:

□ I enclose £50 as the initial deposit and undertake to make full payment by the given deadlines.

□ I have made payment online (NB: You must also return this form to school)

I understand that the deposit is forwarded to the travel company and may not be refundable.

I agree to his/her taking part in the activities described. I also consent to any emergency medical treatment, including the use of anaesthetics, necessary during the course of the journey. I understand that for the school's insurance policy to cover any pre-existing medical condition, I must provide a letter from my GP stating my son/daughter is fit to travel.

Emergency contact/medical details. Please tick either box A or B.

A □ I confirm that all details held by the school on the gold form concerning emergency contact telephone numbers and/or medical conditions affecting my son/daughter are correct, or that I have already notified the school of any changes.

B □ Please note the following change(s) to the above details, which is/are

□ for this visit only □ permanent.

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Signed ……..…….. Father/Mother/Legal Guardian Date ……