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Dear Parent,

### **Munich/Augsburg Study Visit, 2014**

Over the past twelve or so years parties of Salopians have taken part in a study visit to Bavaria, and I hope to lead a trip to this region again next year. I anticipate that the visit will again be organised by Ardmore Educational Travel.

We envisage the following programme (to be confirmed):

Saturday 18 October: we fly to Munich and meet the host families in Augsburg

Sunday 19 October: to be spent with host families

Monday 20 October: day trip to Munich (by train), to include a tour of the state-of-the-art Allianz Arena in the afternoon

Tuesday 21 October: day trip to Nuremberg by train

Wednesday 22 October: day trip to the Bavarian Alps; visits to include Ettal, Linderhof and Neuschwanstein

Thursday 23 October: return flight from Munich

We are particularly keen that members of next year's Fifth Form German sets should go on the visit, as they will be taking their first GCSE speaking test a few weeks later.

The key features are as follows:

- Departure on Saturday 18 October for five nights
- Return trip by Longmynd coach to the airport and then by air to Munich
- Accommodation with host families, with half board and packed lunches
- A structured programme of visits to places of interest in Bavaria (including Munich, Nuremberg, Neuschwanstein and Ettal)
- Group insurance
- The party to be accompanied by me and Miss R. Weatherstone: we will remain in contact with the students throughout the stay

The Bavarian region is, it goes without saying, one of the most scenic parts of Europe, with a wealth of historical interest, and I very much hope that there is a high level of take-up. The price will depend on the exact size of the party; I anticipate that it will be in the region of £750.

It is appreciated that many of your sons and daughters are also studying French and/or Spanish and will be interested in visiting the countries where those languages are spoken, too. Although we do our best when arranging study visits to avoid clashes, it is not always possible – given the number of such trips which take place – to do so. May I express the hope that those who have yet to visit Germany will strongly consider doing so this coming year?! If (s)he would indeed like to take part, please return the enclosed form no later than Monday 3 March, together with £200 deposit. (The forms will shortly also be published in the School's e-newsletter and can be emailed to me.)

Cheques should be made out to 'Shrewsbury School'. IF YOU ARE UNWILLING TO EXCEED A CERTAIN PRICE LEVEL, PLEASE INDICATE THIS ON THE FORM. The deposit will, of course, be returned if the visit does not go ahead. Once the total price has been confirmed, I will be unable to refund the deposit, since the agents require immediate payment of the air fare.

Finally, I am advised that, for insurance purposes, I should point out that, on such a visit, the level of supervision cannot be as high as at school or even (for example) a field study centre. The students will be told precisely what is expected of them, and flagrant breaches of basic rules will result in their premature repatriation, at their own expense. Specifically, in the evening no one should leave the locality where their host family lives, and everyone should be back with their host family by 9.30pm.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this proposed visit, please do not hesitate to phone me at home, on 01743 280644, or to email me.

Yours sincerely



C. J. Minns

Head of German

**APPLICATION TO TAKE PART IN THE BAVARIAN STUDY VISIT**

**October 2014**

SURNAME OF APPLICANT: .....

FORENAMES: .....

**(Important: as they appear in your passport)**

DATE OF BIRTH: .....

SCHOOL ADDRESS: (boarders only) .....

HOME ADDRESS: .....

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POST CODE: .....

TELEPHONE: .....

EMAIL: .....

I should like my son/daughter ..... to travel with the Shrewsbury School party to Bavaria in October 2014. I understand that the total cost is likely to be in the region of £750; if it exceeds £....., I should like my son's/daughter's name to be removed from the party (please complete/delete as applicable).

I confirm that I have read and assent to the accompanying letter.

**I ENCLOSE A DEPOSIT FOR £200, PAYABLE TO SHREWSBURY SCHOOL.**

DATE ..... SIGNED .....

Please send the completed application form with your deposit to:  
Dr C.J. Minns, The Schools, Shrewsbury SY3 7BA

Closing date: **Monday 3 March**