



The Crossley Heath School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The German and French Departments are proposing to run visits to Berlin, Germany and Paris, France in the week commencing 16 June 2025. The trip is 4 days with a lot of travelling and early starts. The students will be expected to do some language work on the trip and must appreciate that this is not a holiday. With this in mind, we would strongly encourage students to pick the trip where they will be able to practise the language they intend to choose for GCSE.

Although the trips are not compulsory, they are valuable for the study of the German and French languages, allowing students to practise their speaking and listening skills and gain an insight into a different culture. A detailed itinerary of the tour is still being developed but an example itinerary for each trip is attached. The outline cost of the trips is approximately £660 for the German trip and £500 for the French trip, dependant on student numbers. The German trip is more expensive due to having to fly to Berlin to reduce travel time and the final price of this trip may change depending on the cost of the flights.

Should you wish your child to experience one of these trips, we request that you make a voluntary contribution of £660 (Germany) or £500 (France). If insufficient contributions are received, or if interest is low, the trip will not be able to take place. The cost includes all the excursions, travel, most food and travel insurance.

Financial support may be available for children who are eligible for free school meals (FSM) or who are not eligible for FSM but are experiencing financial difficulty. If you would like to apply for assistance in confidence, then please contact the Finance office at payments@crossleyheath.org.uk.

We need to pay an initial deposit of £165 (Germany) or £125 (France) per child to secure this booking with the tour company. All deposits for these trips should be paid by this date through the ParentPay facility. The trips will appear on your ParentPay account from Friday 25th October. Log on to www.parentpay.com and click on the Trip Heading either French Trip 2025 or German Trip 2025. The trips are likely to be oversubscribed as there are only 40 places per trip and it will be based on a first come first served basis. Please note that if successful, you are committing to paying for the trip in full as the school will be committed to paying for all places booked with tour operators. We will notify you if you have been successful in gaining a place. Participation in either visit is conditional upon satisfactory behaviour during the period leading up to the visit. The school also reserves the right to withdraw a student at any time where there are particular concerns.

The payment schedule is as follows:

Berlin, Germany

Payment Amount	Deadline
Deposit £165	Sunday 3rd November 2024
£165	31 st January 2025
£165	28 th February 2025
£165	30 th March 2025

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Paris, France

Payment Amount	Deadline
Deposit £125	Sunday 3 rd November 2024
£125	31 st January 2025
£125	28 th February 2025
£125	30 th March 2025

If you have any queries about the trips, please contact either Mrs Hazelton (German) or Mrs Cole (French).

Yours faithfully

Mrs Z Cole, Mrs A Hazelton

Teacher of MFL, Department Leader for German

