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Dear Parent/Carer

I am very excited to be able to give you a preview of the residential visits that we are hoping to offer next year to our current Year 8. We know that COVID meant that they missed out on primary school visits, so you will have been looking forward to these being available. We would be grateful if you would indicate if you would want your child to participate in one or more of these, and an indication of which one so that we can plan accordingly and then open for applications. At this point we are asking for an indication only, so no money is required at this stage. When we do get to that stage, please do remember that financial support for these educational visits is available through the generosity of the Gilbert Hannam Educational Foundation. Each visit will have a payment plan to assist with spreading the payments.

Language opportunities:

Normandy (April 2025). Expected price £620 per student.

Students will stay in the grounds of a small castle adapted for small groups. Having travelled on the ferry to Caen their visit will include a walk across the bay at Mont St Michel (at low tide!), learning about the D-day landings and visiting a market town.

<u>German exchange</u> (Hosting students here in March/April 2025, Visiting Germany in May/June 2025). Guide price £600 per student.

The best way to gain confidence in a language is to be immersed in the country and use the language for everyday tasks! Students will stay with students from our partner school, having had them visiting and staying with you earlier in the year so you will get to know them. Students will explore the local area of Oettingen (Bavaria) and will be experiencing the life of a German student in our partner school. They will also be visiting the Nurnberg and its sights (e.g. Dungeons, castle) and finishing in Munich with the Allianz Arena, BMW museum and Olympia tower.

Activities Week (July 2025).

CERN. Guide price £700 per student.

Students will visit the Large Hadron Collider, including an introductory tour, two operational site visits, control rooms and so on. Additionally, they will visit some of the other attractions that make Geneva world famous.

Berlin and Krakow. Guide price £800 per student

In Berlin, students will visit some of the cultural and architectural highpoints of this beautiful city including the Brandenburg Gate and the Berlin Wall. In Krakow the students will, of course, visit Auschwitz - this will be a visit that lives with the students for the rest of their lives, seeing piles of the victims' belongings showing the realities of the Holocaust.

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Barcelona. Guide price £1200 per student

Students will be immersed in the sights and sounds of this vibrant city, including a tour of the Sagrada Familia Cathedral and the Nou Camp stadium, and exploring the mosaics and settings in the Park Güell.

Please fill in the survey here: <u>https://forms.office.com/e/PBCdCJ3C2y</u> as soon as possible (including to tell us that your child would not be going on any of them if that is the case).

Yours sincerely

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