

June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Ashby School is delighted to announce that the KS4 trip to the Cologne, Lille and Bruges Christmas markets has once again been booked for 2nd – 4th December 2026. This trip will offer a valuable opportunity to visit some well-known landmarks and, of course, to practise some French and/or German skills! **The trip is only available to students who will be in Years 10 and 11 next academic year and who will be studying GCSE French or German.**

Current itinerary includes -

- Departure by executive coach at approximately 5am on Wednesday 2nd December and return on Friday 4th December late evening.
- A day in the city of Cologne in Germany to visit the famous Christmas markets, gothic cathedral and the Lindt chocolate museum.
- The Christmas markets and shops in Lille in France and Bruges in Belgium.
- Accommodation overnight on the Wednesday and Thursday in the Jugendherberge Köln-Deutz on a full board basis (breakfast, dinner and packed lunch).

The total cost of the trip will be £455 per student to cover tickets, coach travel, food whilst in the accommodation and insurance. The insurance policy is available to view on the school website. As this is a curriculum-related trip and mostly during the school day, it has been planned on the understanding that all parents of students participating are prepared to meet voluntarily the costs involved. Five members of staff will accompany the students. During this trip there may also be occasions when students will not be directly supervised. However, they will be in groups of no less than three and will be given emergency telephone numbers. They will also have to meet with staff at specific periods and locations.

At this stage, we are asking you, as parents/carers, to indicate whether your child is interested in participating in this trip. The registering of interest does not commit you financially. If you wish your child to take part in this trip, please complete the Microsoft Form by **Monday 6th July**. Once we have records of interest, we will contact you regarding the next steps, including the non-refundable deposit that will be required in early September (£155) to secure your child's place on the trip. Unfortunately, if insufficient students are interested then the trip may have to be cancelled. **If the trip is over-subscribed, all students' names will go into a draw.** Finally, students will need to have a good behaviour record in order to take part in this trip. We reserve the right to refuse a place to students where persistent and significant breaches of our behaviour policy have occurred.

[Cologne, Lille and Bruges Christmas markets \(2nd - 4th December 2026\) - Fill out form](#)

Yours sincerely,

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