



# Chenderit School

## A VISUAL ARTS COLLEGE

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Our ref: MFL/Christmas Market-2019/cjw/ejp

15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

I am planning a visit for your child to the Frankfurt German Christmas Market in Birmingham City Centre. The visit would take place in the evening on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. Students will be travelling by train with Chenderit teaching staff and they will return to Banbury train station the same evening. This is primarily aimed at students studying A level languages but it is also open to Year 9 German students studying Modern Foreign Languages at GCSE level. The purpose of the visit is to enrich students' knowledge of German speaking countries and their traditions; it is also intended as a reward for students' hard work so far this year. **There is a limited number of 20 spaces for this visit and priority goes to Sixth Form Language students first. After that we prioritise Y9 German students.**

The expected itinerary for the visit is as follows:

- 16:45 – Meet in the foyer/ ticket office of Banbury train station to travel to Birmingham. Please note that students must make their own way to Banbury train station and the trip starts from there, not the school.
- 17:00 – Departure from Banbury train station. Train journey is approximately 50 minutes to 1 hour. We will travel by Chiltern Railways and arrive into Birmingham Moor Street station.
- 18:00 - 19:30 – Explore German Christmas Market under remote staff supervision (students will be given a tour to make them familiar with the area and then allowed to explore in small groups within an agreed area).
- 19:30 - 19:45 - Walk with staff to the Bullring shopping centre where they will be given some free time to go shopping. Staff will have an agreed meeting point for students to meet them. They can also use this time to eat their packed meal or buy something to eat (individual choice)
- 21:00 - Meet at agreed meeting point (Bullring Bull Statue) for short walk to Birmingham Moor Street station. The train home leaves at 21:18.
- 22:15 - Students will need to be collected from Banbury train station. If they are able make their own way home then this is also acceptable, but please indicate this on the reply slip. **Only Sixth Form students are allowed to go home on their own.**

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**Please note that our estimated arrival time back at Banbury Station is 22:15-22:30. Students will be asked to contact you to arrange pick up when we are close to home.**

**Students will need to bring on this visit:**

A packed meal/ snack and / or sufficient funds to buy something to eat on the visit. ***There will be food available at the market and in the Bullring but this will not be included in the cost of the trip.***

A raincoat and sensible, practical footwear as the German market is an outdoor attraction  
Their mobile phone so that they can contact Mr. Williamson on the school mobile if needed  
A small bag to carry their packed lunch, coat and other essentials  
Some spending money  
A sense of fun and Christmas spirit!

**Behavioural expectations for the visit:**

For students to be able to participate in educational visits, school organised events or school related activities good student behaviour is of paramount importance. If a student presents regular poor behaviours in school and/or we consider that the student presents a significant, unmanageable or unacceptable risk to the health, safety and/or welfare of that student or others on the trip, including the adult leaders, the student is unlikely to be able to participate.

**Please also note that although some students have passed their driving tests and may have their own car, they may not travel to this event in their own car or car share with their friends or others. They may only take part if they travel with us on the train as planned; this is to ensure the safety of all those involved.**

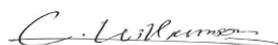
The school phone will be in use on this visit: **07718 702778**

Students are required to purchase their own train tickets at Banbury station. The approximate fares are given on the permission slip. Please note that a group discount may be possible depending on the number of students who wish to take part in the visit.

If you wish for your child to attend this visit then please return the permission slip by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** at the latest.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's participation in this event please do not hesitate to contact me on: 01295 711567 or [cwilliamson@chenderit.northants.sch.uk](mailto:cwilliamson@chenderit.northants.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely



Mr. C. Williamson  
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**REPLY SLIP GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET BIRMINGHAM 6.12.19**

I give permission for (Student name)..... Tutor group..... to attend the visit to the Birmingham German Christmas market on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

I have read the behaviour instructions on the letter and have discussed these with my child. I also understand that my child must travel on the train as planned.

I understand that I will need to collect my child from Banbury Station at 22:15-22:30. Students will contact you with a precise arrival time when we are close to Banbury station.

I give my permission for my child to make their own way home. Please indicate how i.e. walking, own car, with another student or their family. **Only Sixth Form students are allowed to go home on their own.** Please write in the space below.

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I agree to send my child with the appropriate money to purchase a train ticket. Approximate prices: Adult return £15.80, Young person's railcard £11.00, child (under 16) £9 approximately. Student must purchase their own tickets and a group discount may be possible but is not guaranteed.

Signature of Parent/Carer ..... Date.....

**Please return to the finance office by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

