

Exchange with Lahnstein, Germany



Outside Cologne cathedral

In October 2011 the German department established a link with Mr Steinebach's old grammar school, the Catholic Jesuit Johannesgymnasium in Lahnstein, and soon after an exchange programme was agreed and organised.

In June, a group of Year 10 students travel to Lahnstein and stay with host families. During their time in Germany, the students visit Koblenz, a historic and beautifully located city on both the Rhine and the Moselle. After a guided tour of the main centre, the group travel by cable car across the Rhine to the castle Ehrenbreitstein for a picnic.

The group also visit the Rhine village of Braubach, famous for its wine and the only undestroyed castle of the middle Rhine region called the Marksburg. After a relaxing boat journey on the river and a wholesome lunch involving Schnitzel and sausages galore, the group walks up to the Marksburg for a guided tour in English.

Finally, the group travels to Cologne to visit the Cathedral, climbing all 553 steps up to the top of the tower. We also sample the chocolate of the local chocolate factory. No visit to Germany would be complete without a boat trip on the Rhine to Boppard and we travel on the historic Art Deco steam boat *Goethe*. The last day is usually spent in the school, with even the staff aiming to give a good account of Worth's sporting prowess in some friendly challenge matches.

The beauty of an exchange is that, in the midst of farewells, we know we will be welcoming our German exchange partners to Worth in the Autumn Term.


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Marksburg Castle from the Rhine