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Talk



MERRY CHRISTMAS

The German Christmas Experience Special



On Wednesday 28 November, 42 pupils set off for a fun packed 4 days to Germany, staying in Cologne. After a long journey and dinner we visited our first Christmas market, full of festive fun and festooned with stalls with all manner of gifts for the pupils to buy, and buy they did.



Following breakfast the next morning we visited Geschwister-Scholl-Gymnasium school. We were greeted by pupils we met in May and they proudly showed us around their school. We were able to sit in on lessons and were able to see many differences between our school and theirs: smaller class sizes, pupils have to supply all their own books and writing paper and have to repeat the year if they fail their yearly assessments.



Aachen market was our next stop, with more to buy and eat! The stalls were beautifully decorated with lights and traditional food and sweets in abundance.

Friday was spent just outside Cologne at Phantasia Land, one of the largest theme parks in Europe. There were many white knuckle rides and amusements, even real snow and an ice rink! Our next stop and the largest of the markets was situated next to Cologne Cathedral. This was the busiest of the markets, but it didn't stop us from buying more presents for families and eating more sweets. Back to the hotel for dinner and a stroll before bed.



Our final day was to visit the famous Lindt chocolate museum. We watched the process of chocolate being made and read about the history of chocolate. Last stop, the gift shop to spend our last Euros on Advent calendars and treats for home.

We'd like to thank Mrs Schackmar-Gilbane for organising such a fantastic trip and our host Herr Lehniger at the German school for their hospitality.

