

6th March 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 9/10 & 12 German Exchange Visit to Speyer 2011/12

The Modern Languages Department would like to offer pupils currently in Years 8, 9 and 11 the opportunity to practise the German they have learnt on an Exchange visit. This nine day visit will enable them to experience life in a German family. We have a long standing link with the Hans-Purrman Gymnasium (a grammar school) in Speyer and exchange visits have been very successful for a number of years.

Pupils will stay with host families and will meet with the accompanying staff each week day to ensure that there are no problems. They will visit together a variety of places in the area, for example Heidelberg, to see the town and castle, Mainz to visit the Gutenberg Museum, cathedral and for shopping and Speyer itself, which has a lot to offer young people. They will also spend a morning in the German school. Arrangements are made for them to meet socially in the afternoons or evenings too. A similar programme will be arranged for the Germans when they visit pupils here.

The dates of the exchange are as follows:

Beaumont to Germany from THURSDAY 27th OCTOBER* TO FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2011 inclusive
(*NB: We depart during half term)

German students to England from MONDAY 16TH APRIL TO TUESDAY 24TH APRIL 2012 inclusive

Travel will be by coach/minibus to Heathrow and by air to Frankfurt, from where the party will travel by coach to Speyer (this takes approximately one hour).

The cost of the exchange will be between £390 and £420 depending on numbers and final flight prices. Unfortunately, we are unable to meet these costs from our own funds, and the visit will only be able to go ahead if parents are prepared to make a voluntary contribution of the relevant amount to school funds. It is entirely up to you whether you wish to contribute. However, if all parents are not prepared to make this contribution, then the Exchange may not be able to take place for any of the students. Initially a non-refundable deposit of £100 will be required. If you are entitled to financial support please contact the school in confidence before applying for the trip. Students will need their own passports and an EHIC card.

I should be grateful if you would complete the attached reply slip and return it with the initial deposit of £100 by Friday 6th May. Cheques should be made payable to Beaumont School. You can send your money or cheque in a sealed envelope with your son/daughter's name, form and title of the trip clearly written on it. This should be posted in the appropriate box outside the Finance Office. Subsequent payments will be due as follows:

Monday 27 th June 2011	£150	Thursday 8 th September 2011	Balance
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I cannot state enough the value of a person to person exchange visit. Whilst it should not be viewed as a holiday, it should nevertheless be an enjoyable learning experience. It really does enable pupils to experience at first hand life, school, the customs and practices of the host country. It enables them to absorb the language and to practise with sympathetic native speakers. Students will be required to produce a project on their visit. I would also like to draw your attention to the school Trips and Visits Policy, which requires that pupils participating in school visits have a good record of behaviour at school. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Lesley Yapp (Mrs)
Head of German

GERMAN EXCHANGE 2011/12

Please return to the 'German Exchange' box outside the Finance Office by Friday 6th May

Pupil's Surname: **(as on passport*)**.....

Pupil's Forenames: **(as on passport*)**.....

Form.....

Passport Number:

Issue Date:

Expiry Date:

Country of Issue:

** Please note that names must be stated exactly as they appear on your child's passport. An accurate passenger list must be passed on to the airline at the time of booking. Any subsequent name changes will incur an extra charge.*

I would like my son/daughter to participate in the German Exchange from 27/10 to 4/11 2011

I am/am not* prepared to make the contribution requested of £100 as an initial deposit towards a total cost of between £390 and £420. I undertake to make final payment by the required deadlines.

I agree to his/her taking part in the activities described. I also consent to any emergency medical treatment, including the use of anaesthetics, necessary during the course of the journey. I understand that for the school's insurance policy to cover any pre-existing medical condition, I must provide a letter from my GP stating my son/daughter is fit to travel.

Emergency contact/medical details. Please tick either box A or B.

- A I confirm that all details held by the school on the gold form concerning emergency contact telephone numbers and/or medical conditions affecting my son/daughter are correct, or that I have already notified the school of any changes.
- B Please note the following change(s) to the above details, which is/are
- for this visit only permanent.

Signed.....Father/Mother/Legal Guardian Date.....