



ABINGDON

30 June 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians

Reminder re: Sixth form exchange to Germany 2016/17

I am writing to invite your son to participate in the German Sixth Form exchange this academic year, visiting Germany from **Thursday 15 December to Thursday 22 December 2016** (dates subject to confirmation when the flights are booked), with the German group returning the visit from 6th to 13th March 2017. The trip will be open to all Sixth formers who have studied German at GCSE, regardless of their 6th form choice, however, we hope that those students who have chosen German in the 6th form will take a particular interest.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the boys to improve their command of the language and cultural knowledge by experiencing school and family life in Germany. We will visit the prestigious, co-educational grammar school Kurt-Huber-Gymnasium Gräfelfing, located in the pleasant outskirts of Munich. Munich, situated in Bavaria in southern Germany bordering Austria, is of great historic and cultural interest. As well as visiting the school and attending lessons, the stay will include excursions to **Munich and the Christmas markets, the concentration camp in Dachau and a day trip to Salzburg, Austria.**

The cost of the trip will be approximately **£350** per pupil, including flights, public transport and excursions, but may be subject to change dependent on the level of interest and the final cost of flights. If your son would like to participate in the exchange, please return the attached reply-slip to me by Monday, 12 September 2016 with a non-refundable cheque (made payable to Abingdon School) for £350 together with a photocopy of his passport and a photocopy of his European Health Insurance Card. As the trip will be taking place in three months' time, we would ask, at this point, for the sum in full. Should this, however, prevent your son from attending and you need to spread the cost over two months, please contact me.

Please note that by completing the consent form (providing the trip proceeds) you are committing to the total cost of this trip as the School will proceed to make bookings and reservations to procure the best possible deals.

Please note the changes to requirements for parents in the UK hosting exchange students in the attached letter from Mr Hindley. We are currently in conversation with our LADO in order to ascertain whether and if so, how we will apply these checks. At this point, no such checks are required for the German families, however, they will be carefully chosen by our German colleagues.

Further details will follow, however if you have any queries concerning the trip or require any more information in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me (alexandra.widdern@abingdon.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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Sixth form German exchange 2016/17
Reply slip
Deadline: Monday 12 September 2016

To: Mrs A Widdern, Masters' Common Room, Abingdon School.

Son's name..... Tutor

Please specify the Level of German as of academic year 2016/17:
German iGCSE / Pre-U course German L6 / Pre-U course German U6

I would like my son to participate in the 2016/17 German exchange to Munich.

I agree to host a German Exchange student during the return visit from 6th to 13th March 2017.

I enclose a copy of my son's passport and Ehic card and a £350 cheque payable to Abingdon School.

Signed..... Date:.....