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From the Head of German: Alexandra Cardinal von Widdern

23 May 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I am writing to inform you of the great opportunity for your son to experience a taste of undergraduate work at Oxford University.

So far, the Oxford German Network has been offering regular reading groups for 6<sup>th</sup> formers in the summer term to allow them to work with lecturers and undergraduates at the Faculty for Medieval and Modern Languages at Jesus College. Due to increasing interest in lower years, the Network is now also offering a taster session to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> formers. The session will be held on **Wednesday 14 June 2017 from 4:30 til 5:30pm at Jesus College.**

The topic for the workshop will be **Mauer-Gedichte/Poetry of the Berlin Wall** and it will be run by Dr Nicola Thomas, Stipendiary Lecturer in German, St Hilda's College.

During the reading groups you will be reading literary texts, so pupils should be ready for a challenge, but guidance on vocabulary and help with reading will be provided. As a preparation, pupils are required to read the texts in advance, prepare vocab and answers to a few short questions (2-3 comprehension questions and 1-2 interpretation questions).

I would be taking the group of interested boys to Oxford on the public bus and bring them back to school unless you note on the reply slip that you would prefer to collect your son from Jesus College. We will meet outside room B11 at 3pm and make our way to Oxford.

Whether your son is interested in taking German beyond GCSE level or not, this would be a valuable experience for him not only from a linguistic point of view.

If your son is interested in participating, please **complete the reply slip below, return to me by Monday 5 June at the latest** and ensure he has enough change for a return ticket on the bus on the day (£4.80). My emergency contact number on the day will be **07734738895**. Please note, however, that sporting commitments take priority.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on [Alexandra.widdern@abingdon.org.uk](mailto:Alexandra.widdern@abingdon.org.uk) should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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**German Reading workshop Oxford University Wednesday 14 June 2017 from  
4.30 – 5.30pm**

**To: Ms A C v Widdern**

Son's name..... Tutor .....

Son's German teacher .....

I would like my son to participate in the German Reading workshop at Oxford University.

**Please delete as appropriate:**

I will ensure my son has change for the bus ticket.

I will collect my son at 6.30pm from Jesus College.

I give permission for my son to make his own way home.

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