



GERMAN EXCHANGE 2023/24



WHAT IS IT ?

It is a scheme run entirely by staff in two schools - Poynton High School and, the Wilhelm Leuschner Schule in Niestetal, near Kassel in Germany. The exchange provides the opportunity for students from both countries to correspond with each other and to visit each other's homes. The first exchange took place in 1979 so there is a long history of a successful partnership.

WHO CAN TAKE PART ?

Any student in Year 10 studying German for GCSE who feels that he or she would benefit from the experience. The kind of person who will make most of an exchange is someone who is interested in other countries, their culture and language; someone who is tolerant of people and customs which are different from our own. Students will only be eligible if they have a good behaviour record within school.

WHEN WILL IT TAKE PLACE?

The provisional dates for the 2023/24 Exchange are as follows: -

NIESTETAL party to POYNTON : April 18th -25th 2024

POYNTON party to NIESTETAL: June 28th – July 5th 2024

It must be emphasised that these dates are subject to change due to flight availability and will be confirmed as soon as possible, after numbers have been established, and flights have been confirmed.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

It is very much hoped that the final cost will be £575 but this may change slightly depending on numbers This covers the cost of travel and personal insurance, but you will need pocket money in Germany. In addition, you will obviously be expected to meet the cost of looking after your guest when he/she is in England. A trip to Alton Towers (or similar) is also included in the price.

HOW WILL WE TRAVEL?

We will be travelling by plane to Frankfurt from Manchester with Lufthansa (provisionally), with train/ coach connection to Kassel, dependent on numbers.

WHAT DO I DO IF I WANT TO TAKE PART?

Please register your interest by email to germanexchange@phs.cheshire.sch.uk by Friday 22nd September

When the number of interested students has been established and dates and price finalised, I will be in touch again to collect deposits. Once deposits have been collected, you will be sent a link to complete. **Please complete it and attach a few recent photographs - this is very important.** Give as much detail about yourself as you possibly can as the form will help the organisers to find you the most suitable partner.

Please note that it is really helpful if you don't mind hosting either a boy or a girl; there is never a guaranteed even gender split, and bear in mind that most people taking part tend to do a number of evening or weekend activities together as a group.

<p>WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ?</p>	<p>There is a section on the form for students who wish to repeat the Exchange, please make it clear if you wish to have the same partner again (as long as they are taking part) or a different partner.</p> <p>You will be “matched-up” with someone in Germany. It is then up to you to exchange messages, photos, Christmas cards etc. before the first “leg” of the Exchange take place. There will be a parents’ meeting prior to each of the sections of the exchange. Everyone aged 16 or over resident in host families must undergo a DBS check (even if you already hold one for your work or any volunteering such as Scouts) There is no additional charge for this.</p>
<p>SUPERVISION</p> <p>WHAT IF WE NEED MORE INFORMATION?</p>	<p>As in previous years, staff from PHS will accompany the group on the outward and return journeys and will remain in Niestetal for the duration of the exchange visit.</p> <p>Please contact Mrs McGuire in school if you have any further enquiries. germanexchange@phs.cheshire.sch.uk</p>