



GERMAN EXCHANGE 2022/23



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 students in Years 9/10 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 2022/23 Exchange are as follows:-

NIESTETAL party to POYNTON : March 2023
POYNTON party to NIESTETAL: May 2023

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 £495 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 connection to Kassel.

WHAT DO I DO IF I WANT TO TAKE PART?

Take your reply slip to Mrs McGuire in the **MFL office**. There is a lockable post-box just inside the door where replies can be left. The reply slip and deposit must be returned by Friday 11th March. Alternatively, you can register your interest by email to eamc@phs.cheshire.sch.uk

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 given an application form. **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

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| <p>WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ?</p> | <p><i>number of evening or weekend activities together as a group.</i></p> <p>You will be “matched-up” with someone in Germany. It is then up to you to exchange letters, photos, Christmas cards etc. before the first “leg” of the Exchange take place. There will be an opportunity for parents and participating students to meet the German Department in the new year.</p> <p>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. eamc@phs.cheshire.sch.uk</p> |