

German Exchange 2018

31st October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

When learning a foreign language, the opportunity to spend time in the country where the language is spoken provides pupils with a valuable insight into everyday life, as well as the chance to practise their own language skills in preparation for their GCSE or A-Level exams.

We are therefore pleased to be able to offer our pupils this opportunity in an exchange with the Rhön-Gymnasium in Bad Neustadt, Germany. Bad Neustadt is Pershore's twin town and the exchange has now been running successfully for ten years.

The exchange is open to year 9, 10 and 12 pupils. The German students usually come to Hanley in June or early July in school time. As we return to Germany partly in activities week, it will be necessary for year 10 pupils, who choose to participate, to discuss work experience with Mrs Price and myself.

The expected cost of the exchange is £400-£450. This is dependent on the cost of transport and for the trip to take place there will need to be sufficient numbers. If you are in receipt of free school meals and wish your son/daughter to take part in the visit, but would have difficulty meeting the cost, please request a financial assistance form as the school may be in a position to help.

I will be holding an introductory meeting on **Tuesday 14th November at 6pm** in the Language Block for both students and parents who might be interested in participating in this exciting opportunity.

The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the process of a Language Exchange visit to families, including discussion of the linguistic and cultural benefits as well as the method of pairing students and the opportunities offered during the course of the visits both in Germany and in England. There is no commitment at this stage, but do come along to find out more.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Hopkins (MFL teacher)

Please return the slip below to **Miss Hopkins by Friday 10th November**

Please tick

I will be able attend on **Tuesday 14th November**

I will not be able to attend on **Tuesday 14th November**
but my son/daughter is interested in participating in the German exchange 2018.

Signed _____

Date _____