

# German Exchange 2015



23 June 2014

**Dear Year 9 Germanists, Dear Parent/Carer**

We are once again planning our German Exchange with our partner school in Wetter/Ruhr, near Düsseldorf next year. The trip will be open to year 9 pupils studying German from September. The proposed dates are as follows:

**Friday 13 March – Sunday 22 March 2015 York**

**Friday 5 June – Sunday 14 June 2015 Wetter**

Our pupils will live as part of a German family and go to lessons in the GSG Wetter (Geschwister-Scholl-Gymnasium). <http://www.gsg-wetter.de/> There will also be trips including shopping in Cologne or Düsseldorf a visit to museums in Bonn and swimming in one of the many excellent open air swimming pools! We will also have a reception with the local Mayor!

The cost of the trip is expected to be approximately £300.00, depending on numbers. This will include travel, trips, insurance and expenses for pupils and staff both in Germany and in England.

A maximum of 25 pupils can go on the exchange and we make every effort to match pupils of similar interests, so this is not done on a "first come, first served" basis.

As pupils stay in families, the host parents will act in "loco parentis". Accompanying staff will be "on call" during the stay in Germany. We are planning to use Jet2 for our flights to and from Germany. Parents here and in Germany will pick up pupils from the airports in Leeds and Düsseldorf. The local train services and school buses are used for excursions in Germany during our stay.

We plan meetings during the year to prepare the pupils as carefully as we can for the Exchange. The last German Exchange with Wetter was a valuable experience to pupils, both educationally and socially. Some of our students said it was the most exciting school trip they had ever been on.

**If you wish your child to participate please fill in the attached forms together with a £60 deposit and return to the school office by Monday 14 July.** Please note that incomplete applications (e.g. no photo) will not be considered. This deposit is only returnable in the event of our not being able to offer a place and once a place has been allocated you are committed to the visit and all future payments.

Students will be travelling on their own passports which we will collect and store centrally, so we would ask that if any student does not have their own passport, they apply for one in good time for the trip. Students will also need to bring with them their European Health Insurance Cards and again these will be collected nearer the time and held centrally. If students do not already have one of these, they should apply for one at the following website [www.ehic.uk.com](http://www.ehic.uk.com) or by collecting a form from the Post Office.

I am happy to answer any further questions you might have, just contact me on [sjanssen@fulford.schoo.uk](mailto:sjanssen@fulford.schoo.uk)

Best wishes

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REPLY SLIP – to be returned by Monday 14 July 2014

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I wish my son/daughter to participate in the German Exchange.

I enclose a deposit of £60.

Name: ..... Form: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
(Parent/Carer)