



Brine Leas School

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June 2017

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian

Re: The German Exchange 2017 – 2018

The Modern Languages Department at Brine Leas School would like to invite all students who are learning German in Year 8 to take part in our Exchange visit to Cologne at the beginning of Year 9. There may also be places available for students who are not studying German, but would like to participate.

Brine Leas has been running an exchange with the Max Ernst Gesamtschule in Cologne for many years and this would be an excellent opportunity for your child to experience first hand the German language and culture within a host family, accompanied by staff from Brine Leas School.

The outward visit to Germany is scheduled to take place for one week from **Tuesday 5th December 2017** to **Tuesday 12th December 2017**. The visit to England for the German students will take place from **March 6th 2018** to **March 13th 2018**, when you would host your child's exchange partner for one week.

Travel will be by air; therefore all children will need a valid passport and EHIC card. Accommodation will be organised for your child with a host family and time will be spent attending lessons and on various excursions, including a visit to the famous Christmas markets.

The cost of the visit is expected to be approximately £350, depending on the number of students, and this will be confirmed once all reply slips have been received. This sum will include the cost of excursions for our German exchange students when they are staying with us, and all transport to and from airports in both countries. Please note that a non-refundable deposit of £100 is required to secure your child a place.

Cheques should be made payable to Brine Leas School and returned with the permission slip in an envelope to the Drop Box outside Student Reception.

Cash payments can be accepted when a cheque is not possible. Students may take cash payments directly to the Finance Office and this will be receipted in the student's planner.

If your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals / has in the past been on Free School Meals since 2011 / is currently a Child in Service since January 2011/ is currently a Cared for Child or has ever been looked after by an English or Welsh local authority then some assistance can be applied for through the Pupil Premium Fund. Please return the permission slip below with the Pupil Premium assistance application ticked. The school will contact you to advise what assistance is available. If your form is returned school showing the Pupil Premium option and we don't appear to have your child on our

Pupil Premium records we may need to contact you to clarify

Headteacher:
Mr Andrew Cliffe

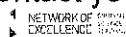
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It is the policy of Brine Leas to support families when financial hardship may preclude a student from attending a visit, therefore if you have any problems, please contact Mrs K Bradshaw and the matter will be dealt with confidentially.

If you wish your child to take part, please complete the permission slip below. I have also enclosed a Form C (Parental Permission Form). Please complete the form detailing any relevant medical issues your child may suffer from and return it with the payment and permission slip below. Please note, without this form being completed your child will be unable to attend the visit.

Please place the permission slip, Form C and a non-refundable deposit cheque for **£100** made out to 'Brine Leas School' in an envelope marked **German Exchange**. All replies need to be returned no later than **Friday 7th July 2017**, so that we can begin our booking procedure and keep flight costs as low as possible, also it enables students to be matched with a suitable partner. This envelope should be placed in the Drop Box by Student Reception.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the school number or email (amy.bates@brineleas.co.uk). You can also visit our exchange blog, www.blsgermanexchange.wordpress.com, where you will find lots of useful information alongside details about past exchanges. I look forward to receiving your application and thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully,



Miss A Bates
Head of Modern Languages

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PERMISSION SLIP FOR GERMAN EXCHANGE 2017 – 2018 – MISS BATES

I would like my child Progress Group
to take part in the German Exchange.

My payment option is:

- I have enclosed a non - refundable deposit cheque for £100.00 made payable to Brine Leas School. *Please post in to the Drop Box at Student Reception.*
- I enclose a cash payment that my child will take to the Finance Office with their planner for a receipt to be provided.
- My child is on the Pupil Premium register and I would like to apply for assistance towards the German Exchange visit. The school will contact you to advise what assistance is available.

Signed(Parent/Guardian) Date