

27 September 2010

Dear Parents

### **German Exchange to Halver 2011**

I am pleased to tell you that we are arranging an exchange visit to Germany for our Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 pupils. The exchange is with the Anne Frank Gymnasium in Halver, with which The Portsmouth Grammar School enjoys a long tradition of successful exchanges.

Halver is a small town (population 16,000) situated in a particularly beautiful area of Germany (the Sauerland) within easy reach of Cologne. The school is a co-educational Grammar School and draws pupils aged 12-19 from the town itself and the surrounding area.

Our pupils will stay with their exchange partner's families; thereby experiencing at first hand German culture, food and traditions. All pupils will experience a morning at school and an afternoon at a local swimming complex plus two full day excursions, to the University town of Münster and to Cologne and Bonn, and a half day trip to the "hands-on" Science Museum at Lüdenscheid, followed by a barbeque with our exchange partners (weather permitting). The German host families are usually most hospitable and invariably organise private excursions at the weekend. The German pupils will, of course, be of a similar age to our own.

The visit of The Portsmouth Grammar School pupils to Germany will take place in the first week of our Easter holiday, **Sunday 10 until Sunday 17 April, 2011**. The date of the German pupils visit will be near the end of our summer term, and is likely to be **Sunday 3 until Sunday 10 July, 2011** (exact dates to be confirmed). The German pupils will come to school each day with your son or daughter and either attend lessons or take part in group excursions with their teachers.

The cost of the exchange will be **£380** which includes return flights to Düsseldorf, transfers to and from school, group excursions in Germany and all entrance fees. The payment will be taken in two instalments - £190 will be added to the winter term fees and the remaining £190 will be added to the spring term fees. We are unfortunately limited to taking a maximum of 24 pupils, so applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please give this opportunity your consideration, as a visit of this kind is invaluable for developing linguistic skill and experiencing the cultural background.

**Miss C L Coward**  
**Head of German**



To: Miss C Coward, The Portsmouth Grammar School (**Please return by Thursday 7 October 2010**)

### **German Exchange Visit to Halver 2011**

I agree to the amount of £190 being added to my winter and spring term fees.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year/Tutor \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it appears on their passport)

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ (if known)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian