

14 September 2011

Dear Parents

German Exchange to Halver 2012

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 coeducational 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 Cologne and Bonn, and to Altena Castle and caves 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 last week of our Easter holiday, **Sunday 15 until Sunday 22 April, 2012**. The date of the German pupils visit will be near the end of our summer term, and is likely to be **Sunday 24 June until Sunday 1 July, 2012** (exact date 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, group excursions in Germany and all entrance fees. The payment will be added to the Spring 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 Friday 30 September 2011)**

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I agree to the amount of £380 being added to my Spring fees.

Pupil Name _____ Year/Tutor _____
(as appears on passport)

Passport Number _____ (if known)

Signed _____ Date _____
(Parent/Guardian)