

20 January 2012

Dear Parents

German Exchange to Halver - 15-22 April 2012

I am pleased to say that the exchange partners have now been allocated to our pupils. Your son/ daughter will hear directly from his/her exchange partner either by email or by letter and it is hoped that they will strike up a friendship via email or post before our visit to Germany in April. I know that many pupils have already heard from their exchange partners and are beginning to establish a relationship.

On **Sunday 15 April** we shall meet at Southampton airport at **15:30** in order to take flight **BE1895** from Southampton to Düsseldorf, which departs at 17:50. We shall return on flight **BE1896** on **Sunday 22 April** at **21:30**. Could you please collect your son / daughter from Southampton airport.

I enclose a copy of our itinerary in Germany.

Our German guests will be arriving on **Saturday, 23 June** at approx 19:30 at Portsmouth Harbour Station and departing on **Sunday, 1 July**, again from Portsmouth Harbour Station. I shall be in a position to give you more detailed travel arrangements at the Parents' Information Evening after half term.

During our trip to Germany we shall be visiting Bonn and Cologne and Münster (an historic University town) as well as enjoying tours of the local area, a day in school and a trip to a swimming centre with our exchange partners. During their visit to Portsmouth our German guests will experience trips to London, Winchester, the Historic Dockyard and either the D-Day museum or the submarine museum in Gosport.

May I remind you that your son/ daughter will need their own passport and European Health Card (available from the post office or online). Travel insurance will be provided by the school.

Please ensure that the medical centre has been informed of any change to your son/daughter's medical circumstances by telephoning the medical centre on 023 92364243 or by email medical@pgs.org.uk

I would like to invite you to a parents' information evening on **Tuesday, 13 March at 19:30** in the Rotunda. This will be a short meeting at which you will receive information about both legs of the exchange and there will, of course, be the opportunity for you to ask any questions.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Coward
Head of German

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