

27 April 2011

Dear Parent

PGS Sixth Form Visit to Sweden: Sun 16 - Wed 19 October 2011

We have been offered an exciting opportunity to visit Sweden for a few days in the first week of the autumn half term, building upon PGS's long-standing relationship with *TS Gunilla*, the tall ship which visits us each September with its crew of Swedish Sixth Form pupils.

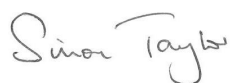
The aim is to take a small group of PGS Year 12 and 13 pupils, with two members of staff, for a short voluntary visit to get to know a different country, to meet up (again?) with Swedish pupils from the *TS Gunilla* in their own school environment and to gain some experience of teaching English as a foreign language to Swedish school pupils (this, and the planning for it, will count as a service element for the CAS element of the IB Diploma). Staying in a hostel(s), we will also plan to visit some local places of interest, including the city of Gothenburg itself (Göteborg in Swedish), where pupils will also have some free time, Öckerö Gymnasieskola (the official name of the *TS Gunilla* School), some local islands and wildlife sites, a Volvo car factory and a Swedish University. We will also aim to build in some reading time for pupils as, for Year 13 pupils especially, it will be a busy term. A useful site for a flavour of Gothenburg may be found at www.visitsweden.com.

I am currently looking at EasyJet flights from London Gatwick to Gothenburg. We would aim to travel to and from Gatwick by school minibus, and to use local transport in and around Gothenburg, where we have excellent local contacts through the *TS Gunilla* staff. We shall of course run the trip at cost price, and this is likely to be around £500, to include transport, accommodation and meals. Final costings will obviously depend upon the size of the group and we shall not proceed if there is any significant increase on the sum mentioned.

If your son/daughter would like to join the visit, please could I ask you to complete the reply slip attached by **Thursday 12 May**, returning it to the IB office. Please could you also enclose a non-refundable cheque deposit of £50 made payable to The Portsmouth Grammar School.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email (and ask me to call if you would prefer to speak) should you have any further questions – my address is s.taylor@pgs.org.uk

Yours sincerely



Simon Taylor
Director of IB/ Senior Teacher

To: Mr Taylor (SCT) , IB Office, PGS (by Thurs 12 May please)

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Pupil Name.....

I would like my son/daughter to attend the PGS Sixth Form Visit to Sweden in October 2011.

I give permission for the school to proceed to book flights on his/her behalf; I accept that these may become non-refundable once booked and that I will be responsible for any sum which cannot be reclaimed if I need to cancel my son/daughter's place for any reason.

I enclose a non-refundable deposit cheque made payable to The Portsmouth Grammar School in the sum of £50.

Signed: (Parent/Guardian)

Print Name:

Relationship to child:

Date: