

Ref: TMB/jn

12<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

Dear Parent /Carer

**Re: Year 10 GCSE German Exchange Visit to Hamburg 2022-23**

We are pleased to be able to offer your child the opportunity to take part in a cultural language exchange as part of their GCSE course. Your child will be spending a week with a German family near the exciting city of Hamburg next March, having hosted their partner in North Devon for a week in October 2022.

Braunton Academy's MFL department has an established link with a school in northern Germany, The 'Sandesneben Gemeinschaftsschule'. The school is situated between the beautiful and historic cities of Hamburg and Lübeck, and we are delighted to open this exchange to Year 10 students taking GCSE German for the fifth time.

Although bookings and travel arrangements won't be confirmed until we have final numbers, the provisional dates for the exchange are:

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (German party visits Devon)****Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (English party visits Germany)**

The full itinerary of the Germany trip is likely to include:

- A visit to the Sandesneben Gemeinschaftsschule attending German lessons!
- An excursion to Lübeck and a boat trip.
- A day out at a forest climbing centre.
- Visits in and around the city of Hamburg, including the world-famous 'MiniaturWunderland'.
- A tour around the dizzy heights of Marienkirche vaults.
- Evenings and the weekend spent with the host families.

A foreign language exchange trip is generally regarded as the best opportunity for language learners to develop their knowledge and interest in the subject, as well as being a life-changing cultural experience.

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Travel to Hamburg will be via Gatwick airport and the total cost of the trip is expected to be around £450.00, which will include all travel costs and entry fees, but this is subject to change based on numbers, travel costs and exchange rates. If your child is entitled to a free school meal then the total cost of the trip is reduced by 10%.

**If you would like your child to be considered for this opportunity, please complete the consent form on Parentmail by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Please be aware that no place will be allocated at this stage and returning the slip is only an expression of interest.**

**Further information and a non-refundable deposit request of £100.00 via ParentMail will be made available during September.**

We hope that you will be keen for your child to make the most of this fantastic opportunity. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or by email (tbarfield@braunton.academy) if you have any queries regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely

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