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Dear Parents

GERMAN EXCHANGE 2017/18

I am writing to you about the School German exchange which is run in conjunction with Chase Terrace Technology College. Following the success of previous exchanges and the German party visit in March this year, we are again hoping to take a group of about 25 pupils to **Germany from Saturday 25th November to Saturday 2nd December 2017**. The German pupils would return in March 2017 (dates to be confirmed).

An exchange is the ideal way for your son/daughter to practise and improve the language skills he/she has acquired this year, but more than this, it is also a great chance to form friendships, which may well last a lifetime! The oral exam in the GCSE forms 25% of the final examination mark (such is the emphasis placed on the ability to communicate verbally), and at A level it is 30%, so the chance to spend a week surrounded by 'all things German' would be a great help.

The exchange takes place in Niederkassel, situated between Cologne and Bonn. This year we can fly directly from Birmingham to Düsseldorf where we will be met by the German families. The price of the Exchange covers transport, insurance and excursions in both Germany and England.

Pupils will need to obtain their own passport. The cost of the exchange is expected to be approximately £420.00 dependent on numbers and flight availability.

Numbers on this trip are limited and places will be offered on a 'first come – first served' basis, so please return the attached consent form as soon as possible to register your interest. (Please note that the attached consent form is the standard consent form and covers the visit to Germany and the two day trips for the return visit in March.)

Please return the form in an envelope labelled **GERMAN EXCHANGE 2017, FAO MRS DUNN** to **Bader reception** to register your interest.

Once you have registered your interest, your son/daughter's name will be added to ParentPay. The deposit for the flights has to be paid to the airline a number of weeks before departure so please also arrange payment of £200 via ParentPay by no later than Friday 22nd September. I am afraid I will be unable to confirm your child's place on the exchange until the deposit has been paid.

The remaining balance can be paid at any time prior to the **Friday 10th November**. If you have any queries regarding the exchange before returning the form, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Modern Languages