

31 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Brühl German and Music Exchange 28 September – 2 October 2022

Following a very successful visit by German students to Myton in October 2019, we would like to invite your child to take part in our annual German and Music Exchange to the Musikschule in Brühl.

Initially planned for autumn 2020 and postponed due to the pandemic, this will be the 27th year of this ongoing exchange programme. This trip has always been a great success and students and staff have made many good friends through the medium of music. For those learning German, this is a great opportunity to practise speaking skills by linking up with German students of the same age. However, musicians who are not studying German are also encouraged to take part, rehearsing and performing alongside our German friends in a joint concert.

The trip will depart from Myton very early on **Wednesday 28 September**, travelling by coach and ferry, and return early evening on **Sunday 2 October**. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, and to reassure parents and students, we have decided not to stay with host families on this occasion, but instead to use a hotel/guest house close to the Musikschule in central Brühl. In order to maintain the feel of an exchange programme, we still aim to match students with German partners of the same age and sex and it is hoped that Myton students will still be able to spend some time during the day and evening with their host family, before returning each night to our base hotel to sleep and eat breakfast.

During the trip, students will take part in a range of musical and cultural activities, which in the past have included a visit to the local theme park Phantasialand, to the city of Cologne, and the opportunity to experience lessons in a local school, with the highlight being the evening concert and celebration party. It is an expectation that, wherever possible, students taking part in this trip will offer to extend similar hospitality to a German student when they visit Myton in October 2023.

The cost of the trip will be £350.00 which includes all travel, accommodation, activities and the majority of meals. We are aiming to take around 30 students on this very popular trip and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To confirm your place a **deposit of £50.00** is required to be made on ParentPay by **18 February 2022**. The deposit will be refundable only in the event that the trip does not go ahead. We are able to cancel both transport and accommodation up to 30 days before departure and a final decision on the European travel situation will be taken nearer the time. We can guarantee that all monies will be refunded if the trip does not run due to a change in government advice/travel restrictions.

By paying the deposit via ParentPay you give consent for your child to participate in this visit and declare that your child is in good health and physically able to take part. If there are any changes to your child's medical status which were not declared on the Pupil Data Checking Sheet, as issued at the start of the academic year, you must notify the school immediately. Any medication that is needed by your child should be handed to the party leader with written instructions before departure.

If you would like your child to attend this trip but are concerned about financing it, please contact the school's Finance Office (email: trips@myton.co.uk or Tel: 01926 405747) as soon as possible to discuss what funding assistance you may be eligible for and to give your consent for your child to participate in this trip. Financial Assistance is available for Years 12 and 13, subject to eligibility, via the 16-19 Bursary Scheme – please contact the Finance Manager, Mrs Rachel Field, for more information on 01926 405744.

If you would like your child to participate in this trip, please complete the attached reply slip below. A deposit request will then be added to your Parent Pay account. We will contact you in due course to let you know if you have been accepted onto this trip and to give you further details of the payment schedule for the remaining £300 (4 payments of £75 each due at the end of March, April, May and June 2022).

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Please be aware that, under current legislation, entry to Germany is only permitted to people over the age of 12 who have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19, although this may change by the time of the trip. There may also be an additional cost for a Covid-19 test on return to the UK, dependant on the government rules at the time.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this opportunity in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me on harrison.w@myton.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Teacher i/c Music and Trip organiser

PLEASE REPLY to: Ms Harrison, Myton School, Myton Road, Warwick CV34 6PJ

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NAME OF STUDENT..... TUTOR GROUP

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE DATE

I am studying German at Myton: YES/NO

I wish to be partnered with the following German student (if known):

I would like to perform in the concert on the following instrument/ sing in the choir (musicians only):
