

Aim of the exchange

- To develop language skills in preparation for GCSE German
- To develop students' interest in the culture, geography and history of Germany

What is an exchange?

An exchange is



.....whatever you make it!!

Where are we going?

• Wuppertal is a town in the west of Germany.







Travel Plans – Wednesday 25th Sept

- Flight from Leeds Bradford to Dusseldorf departs at 15h10
- Leaving school at 12
- Luggage allowance hold bag 23Kg
- Carry on luggage

Flybe passengers can carry one standard cabin bag measuring no more than 55 x 35 x 20cm including wheels and handles. You can also take a smaller under seat item such as a laptop or a handbag. Both items must weigh no more than 10kg combined.



Travel Plans – Wednesday 2nd October

- Flight from Dusseldorf to Leeds Bradford departs at 13h and arrives at 13h45
- You will be informed of our expected arrival time to school. Pupils will be told to contact you once we have landed and they will then be provided with regular updates of eta.

We don't speak German!!

- You will not always understand what the families are saying and you might not even understand their English/German at times. However, it all improves so much throughout the week.
- That is the whole point for this trip...for you to improve your German speaking and listening.
- It is hard on the first night because you have never met this family before and yet you are staying with them for a week. It might even be quite awkward because you don't know what to say. But as the week goes on, it gets better and easier.

Problems?

- Please be expected to be treated as part of their family for the week.
- Mobile phone usage
- Expect to find it hard to adapt
- Parents may call during the first evening
- You might feel homesick
- If you are very unhappy try to avoid making contact with home. Contact Mr Young or Mrs Lawrence!

The return trip.

- Going to Wuppertal, you can see what it was like for your correspondent coming to Beverley and they see what it is like to host.
- It is also good because you see your German friend again.
- You embrace their culture, learn interesting facts about the town and your German is so much better by the end of the week.
- Just by being in a German town for a week, you manage to pick up lots of new vocab which can help with your speaking.

What do we do in Sept?

- Thursday
- 8.00 German Breakfast in the cafeteria, meet and greet with the headmaster Mr Wyneken. English students accompany their partners in lessons
 - 10.25 Walk to town hall meeting with the mayor of Wuppertal
 - 12.00 Suspension railway trip (*Schwebebahn*) to **Wuppertal Zoo** including rally , visit of the zoo and lunch (packed lunchbags)
- Friday

- 8.00 Meeting Gymnasium Am Kothen, departure for *Müngstener Brückenpark*
- Trip across the Müngstener Brücke (Germany's highest railway bridge). Adventure Path to the park
 - Schwebefähre across River Wupper
 - Walk to *Schloss Burg (Burg Castle)*, approx. 5km
 - **12.30-** Bergisches Kaffetrinken (regional speciality, sweet **14:00** and savoury)
- Saturday/Sunday Family Programme

What do we do in Sept?

- Monday
 - 8.00 –16.00 Gymnasium Am Kothen, English students attend English lessons, bilingual history or geography lessons, music and arts lessons (depending on the new timetable after summer holidays), including one lesson with accompanying English teachers from Beverley
- Tuesday

- 8.00 Departure to Bonn
- 10.30 Haus der Geschichte (House of History) tour with audio guides + exhibition "Very British"
 - 11.30-13.00 Lunch and Free-Time in Bonn
 - 16.30 Pizza Evening with parents in the cafeteria

Wednesday

Details on website

- Copy of tonight's presentation
- Copy of the programme
- Behaviour contract
- Medical form

Contact details

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Reply slips, Documents and payment

- Passport and EHIC please bring in to school so we can copy them.
- Medical Form please let us know of any changes before we go to Germany

Thank you!!!

- Thank you for agreeing to take part in the Exchange week.
- Without your hard work during the week we wouldn't be able to run the exchange.



