



# Beaumont School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## **Re: Year 9 German Exchange Visit to Speyer 2018/19**

The Modern Languages Department would like to offer pupils currently in Year 8 the opportunity to practise the German they have learnt on an Exchange visit. We have run successful exchange visits with our partner school, Hans-Purmann school in Speyer, for the past twenty-five years.

Pupils will stay with host families for six nights and will meet with the accompanying staff each weekday to ensure that there are no problems. They will visit a variety of places in the area, such as Heidelberg and its castle, a baroque palace in Mannheim, and will also spend time in Speyer itself. They will also spend time in the German school, allowing students to directly compare British and German education systems. Arrangements are made for them to meet socially in the afternoons or evenings. When the German group visits us in May 2019, your child's German exchange partner will stay with your family.

The dates of the exchange are as follows:

**Beaumont students to Germany Wednesday 17 October to Tuesday 23 October 2018 inclusive**

**German students to Beaumont Thursday 9 May to Thursday 16 May 2019 inclusive**

We will travel by coach to Heathrow and by air to Frankfurt, from where the party will travel by coach to Speyer. Students will need their own passports and an EHIC card which should both be valid for travel in October. The total cost of the exchange will be between **£400 and £430, depending on numbers and final flight prices**. This Exchange trip is classified as an optional extra, and the school is therefore entitled to charge for it. Initially a non-refundable deposit of £100 will be required. If you are entitled to financial support please contact the school in confidence before applying for the trip.

If you are interested in your child participating in this trip, please complete the attached reply slip with a non-refundable deposit of £100 by **Thursday 28 June 2018** (cheques made payable to Beaumont School) in a sealed envelope with your child's name, form and title of the trip clearly written on it. This should be posted in the appropriate box outside the Finance Office. Alternatively you can make payment over the internet. Our online payment system can be accessed via the school portal on the front page of the Beaumont School website or at [www.scopay.com/beaumont](http://www.scopay.com/beaumont).

Once we have confirmed numbers for the trip, we will issue the final balance with the second payment of **£150 being due by Friday 7 September 2018** and the final balance due no later than **Monday 1 October 2018**.

*Please note that once your child has been allocated a place on this trip you will be required to pay the full cost of the trip even if you or your child, subsequently change your mind about participating. We would of course make our best endeavours to mitigate the cost to you in these circumstances however we will be entering into a contract with tour operators and/or airlines based on your request for a place and you will be liable for any charges which are payable under that contract.*

We are happy to accept smaller instalments or to discuss a flexible payment schedule – please contact the Finance Office in confidence to discuss. I would also like to draw your attention to the school Trips and Visits Policy, which requires that pupils participating in school visits have a good record of behaviour at school.

I cannot state enough the value of a person to person exchange visit. Whilst it should not be viewed as a holiday, it should nevertheless be an enjoyable learning experience. It really does enable pupils to experience at first hand life, school and the customs and practices of the host country. It enables them to absorb the language and to practice with sympathetic native speakers.

Yours sincerely

S.R. Lutz (Mrs)  
Exchange Organiser  
Head of Modern Languages (i/c German)





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## GERMAN EXCHANGE 2018/19

**Please return to the 'German Exchange' box outside the Finance Office by Thursday 28 June 2018**

Pupil's Surname: **(as on passport\*)**.....

Pupil's Forenames: **(as on passport\*)**.....

Form.....

Passport Number: .....

Issue Date: .....

Expiry Date: .....

Country of Issue: .....

Dietary requirements (for airline): .....

*\* Please note that names must be stated exactly as they appear on your child's passport. An accurate passenger list must be passed on to the airline at the time of booking. Any subsequent name changes will incur an extra charge.*

I would like my child to participate in the German Exchange from 17-23 October 2018 and agree to host their German partner from 9-16 May 2019.

Please tick the appropriate box:

- ☐ I enclose £100 as the initial non-refundable deposit towards a total cost of between £400 and £430. I undertake to make full payment by the given deadlines.
- ☐ I have made payment of the deposit online (NB: You must also return this form to school)

I agree to my child taking part in the activities described. I also consent to any emergency medical treatment, including the use of anaesthetics, necessary during the course of the journey. I understand that for the school's insurance policy to cover any pre-existing medical condition, I will seek and adhere to any medical advice given from my GP.

Emergency contact/medical details. Please tick either box A or B.

- A ☐ I confirm that all details held by the school on the gold form concerning emergency contact telephone numbers and/or medical conditions affecting my child are correct, or that I have already notified the school of any changes.
- B ☐ Please note the following change(s) to the above details, which is/are
- ☐ for this visit only      ☐ permanent.

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Signed.....Father/Mother/Legal Guardian

Date.....

