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Dear Families,

German Exchange 2024/2025
Dates: German group to UK - September 2024
UK group to Germany – March 2025

I have pleasure in inviting your child to participate in the fifteenth German Exchange between students at Sandringham and the Dietrich-Bonhoeffer Gymnasium in Quickborn near Hamburg. For the past 14 years students from Years 9 and 10 have hosted Year 9 German students in September and then visited Quickborn later in the school year. Each visit lasts a week.

During the visit to St Albans, the English and German students go on a day trip together (last year to Oxford), and the German group have a day at Harry Potter Studios. The German students attend school at Sandringham for the other days. The weekends and evenings are spent with families.

While in Germany, our students visit Hamburg and another local town (last year Lübeck), attend lessons, spend afternoons with the German students in town and at home and generally experience life in Germany.

We aim to follow the same pattern this year with the German group visiting us in late September 2024, with our group travelling to Germany in March 2025. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to make meaningful contact with young Germans, to develop their language skills, and to broaden their life experiences.

The cost of the exchange has not yet been finalised, but as it is an exchange, you would need to cover travel, insurance and day trips. I will be looking into flights once I have the final number of students taking part. It is not possible to give final costs yet due to unpredictable flight prices, but the cost should be approximately £450, plus costs incurred in hosting the German student. We require an initial non-refundable deposit of £50 to secure your child's place which can be paid via [ParentPay](#).

Please complete and email the attached questionnaire to trips@sandringham.aat.school by **Friday 12th January 2024**, so that I can make arrangements with the German school and match students effectively.

We hope that this exchange visit will cement a long and beneficial exchange relationship.

Yours sincerely,

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Teacher of MFL

