

TY German Exchange



Aulendorf, Baden Württemberg

Naas, 13th September 2022

Dear parents/guardians,

As you might have seen on our school website, TY students from CBS Naas and St. Mary's College Naas have the opportunity to take part in an exchange program with German schools.

We developed a very good relationship with two different schools in Germany. Like most of the schools in Germany both schools are mixed schools. The school we are planning to visit this year is Gymnasium Aulendorf, which is in the southwest of Germany, near the lake Constance.

<https://www.gymnasium-aulendorf.de/>

Since December 2016, boys from CBS Naas and girls from St. Mary's College have been travelling together with their teachers to one of the schools. The pupils stay with host families and go to school in the morning and back home with their partners in the afternoon to be immersed in German everyday life. We usually take part in excursions to Ulm and Bregenz in Austria. As we are travelling during the Christmas season, there will be plenty of Christmas markets to go to and with a bit of luck there will be snow. Our day trips here in Ireland usually include a visit to Croke Park and Brittas Bay together.

The exchanges have been a great success and the pupils that took part in it often use their exchange as a topic to talk about in their oral German exam for leaving cert.

As I am sure you will agree, the best way to learn a language is to immerse yourself in that country. We believe this exchange is the perfect opportunity to do that. Aulendorf is a small town that offers many different activities. We hope that our students will socialise together as a big German/Irish group after school, like the students did in previous years, where they had a truly authentic experience, made many friends and most were very sad to leave at the end of the week

We offer your son the opportunity to take part in the school year 2022-2023. We have planned to travel to Germany from November 30th to December 7th. This is during the school term so that our

students can experience German school days and also so that we can avail of cheap flights. It is envisaged that the German exchange students come to Ireland from May 10th to May 17th, to spend time with their host families in Naas. The **estimated** cost for transport to and from airports, flights, public transport in Germany and day trips will be **about €450**.

Your son will live with a host family for the duration of the visit in Aulendorf and when the German group comes over for their exchange trip to Ireland, each boy travelling to Germany is expected to host an exchange pupil. The exchange partner will go to school with your son and home in the evening. We will also organise two day trips to Dublin and maybe Glendalough, Brittas Bay, etc. For this there will be additional costs of about €100 in May 2022

As there is a lot of planning involved I would appreciate it if any families interested in getting involved in this exchange would contact me **before Wednesday 28th September**.

Kind regards

Margit Lonergan

German Department Naas CBS

I _____ (parent/guardian) grant my son _____ permission to take part in a school exchange to Germany in November 2022. In return I agree to host a German student in May 2023.

Signature: _____

Date: _____