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To: Students in Yrs 7-10 studying French and Spanish

Dear Parent/Carer

### Language Exchange Trip

We have an exciting development in the Modern Languages Faculty as we are planning our first language exchange which will take place in 2018.

As you may already know, we are sending a group of students from Ely in February out to stay with families in Bozen in the German-speaking area of northern Italy. They will be taking part in a range of activities with students and their families from our partner school in the town.

A group of students from our partner school will be making a return visit to Ely later in the year and it is proposed that they visit us between Sunday 3rd to Sunday 10th June 2018.

Even though this is a German-related experience, we would also welcome any other keen students of French or Spanish and their families to participate in extending a warm and friendly multi-lingual welcome to our German-speaking Italian guests when they make their return visit to us in June 2018.

Given the very kind and generous hospitality which they will have provided to our students during our stay in February, the expectation is that as far as possible, as is usual with exchange arrangements, the return group will be able to experience the same warmth of welcome and hospitable stay with host families here in Ely.

It is possible that students who visit and stay with families may be able to make a financial contribution towards the costs which you as a family incur in hosting them, on a 'paying guest' basis. More details about this possible arrangement will be provided in due course if there are enough families in the Ely area who are able to participate.

It would therefore be very kind of you to reply to the questions at the bottom of this email and let me know if you can receive and accommodate a visiting student in your home during these dates.

Although German (and Italian) speaking, each of the visiting students have a very excellent command of English, so please do not be concerned about communication difficulties.

In any event, as your child is studying a foreign language, it would be a fantastic opportunity for him or her to make friends from another culture in their own home environment. You and your child might find it a great opportunity, so much so that when we run the trip for 2018/19 they may wish to take part and visit Bozen themselves, even if they are not studying German.

I understand that the majority of the prospective visiting guests are girls so it will be useful in particular to know whether you can accommodate girls in your home.



Please can you therefore let me know as soon as possible answers to the questions below:

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1. **Whether, in principle, you can accommodate a guest in your home during 3rd - 10th June, possibly on a paying guest basis.**
2. **Whether you can host a male or female student (or if more than one, the combination which you could host).**

Your reply is only an expression of interest and does not, of course, commit you at this stage to hosting a student in your home. More details will be made available (when I receive them) about who will be visiting and therefore who will need accommodation, when we can hold an information meeting to let you know more about the plans.

Please do drop me a line if you have any questions.

Thank you very much indeed. I look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully

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