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Dear Parent/Carer

## WhyNotLangs@Cambridge – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017

I am writing to you because we have been very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to take a small group of high-ability Year 10 language students to the University of Cambridge for a unique event run by the Language Centre, the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages and the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, and your son or daughter has expressed an interest in attending.

The aim of the event called WhyNotLangs@Camb is to encourage more young people to continue with language learning to A-Level and beyond.

Why Not Languages at Advanced Level will encourage students to consider the importance of language skills to benefit their future academic and personal profiles. The students will experience university-style language teaching in one of their current languages of study (French, German or Spanish) and also be provided with taster sessions in two lesser taught languages (e.g. Arabic, Russian and Mandarin). Cambridge Undergraduates will also be present to share their experience of language learning and of studying at the University of Cambridge.

The University has confirmed to the school that there are six places for students studying German and two places each for those studying French and Spanish. Places will be offered on a 'first come, first served' basis, but we will also maintain a waiting list, so that we can be sure that as many students as possible can take advantage of the opportunity to attend.

There is no charge for the event (including lunch), which is fully funded by the University of Cambridge Widening Participation Fund. The University also offers a travel bursary for each student to cover their travel and transport costs. Students are expected to wear full Ely College uniform whilst on this visit.

We do ask however that each student who wishes to attend provides a deposit of £10. This is refundable in full if your child attends. If for some reason your child does not attend on the day, despite a place having been booked for him/her, then the deposit will be forfeited in full. The deposit can be paid by cash or cheque.

WhyNotLangs@Camb will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and we will travel from Ely as a group by train. The event will be held at Magdalene College and once we arrive in Cambridge we will take the bus between the train station and the college.

We expect to leave from Ely train station at around 8.00am and we will return to the train station at approximately 4.30pm. **Please note that this is outside of normal school times and that it will be your responsibility to arrange for your child to be dropped off and collected from the railway station in Ely.** Once we have confirmed the train times, we will confirm the precise meeting times with you. Your child will be fully supervised at all times whilst waiting at the station.

If you would like to child to take part in the opportunity, please complete the attached permission slip and return it, together with cash or a cheque for the sum of £10 by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

If you have any questions about this event, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

*J. O'Reilly-Turner*

Ms J O'Reilly-Turner  
Teacher of MFL





**WhyNotLangs@Cambridge – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Ms J O'Reilly-Turner**

Name of child: ..... Form: .....

- I give consent for my child to take part in the WhyNotLangs@Cambridge trip on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
- I enclose cash / cheque (payable to Ely College) in the sum of £10 as a deposit for this trip.
- I will be responsible for dropping off and collecting my child from Ely railway station.
- My child has special dietary requirements as listed below:

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- My child has the following medical condition/medication:

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Signature of Parent: ..... Dated: .....

Please Print Name: .....

Please return this slip by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**. Thank you.