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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Kornwestheim, Germany – Tuesday 24 - Saturday 28 September 2024

We are incredibly excited to write to you to offer your child a unique international sporting opportunity. This September, Wildern School has been invited to take part in the 4th Olympics of the Partner Schools, at the Ernst-Sigle-Gymnasium in Kornwestheim, Germany, alongside a school from Villeneuve-Saint-Georges in France and Móstoles in Spain.

This will build on the great success of the Olympics of the Partner Schools in 2008, 2012 (hosted by Wildern School) and 2016. Our students will have the opportunity to compete internationally in a range of sports, including athletics, swimming, football, basketball, volleyball and handball. This will be a wonderful opportunity to not only gain a wider experience in sport, but further strengthen our links with our partner school in Germany, which have been strong for the last 40 years.

We are looking for students in current year 8 who are interested in representing our school abroad and who can contribute to a range of the sports listed above. They should take pride in their contributions to sport at Wildern School and be ready to represent the school to the highest standard.

Further details are below:

Dates: Tuesday 24 - Saturday 28 September 2024

Cost per student: £400.00

Mode of travel: Coach and flights to Stuttgart

Included in this price is return travel to the school via coach and aeroplane. All accommodation and food while in Kornwestheim is being provided by the school in Germany. Accommodation will be either with host families or in hostel style accommodation.

The only additional costs will be spending money and a meal on the return journey. Students will require a packed lunch for the outward journey. Students must also be in possession of their own passport and European EHIC/GHIC card. The trip will be led by Mr Russell, who has visited the partner school in Kornwestheim many times as part of the school's German exchange programme. Mr Sutherland will also accompany the trip and will be responsible for all sporting matters.

Please complete the parental agreement form online through your ParentPay account to give consent for your child to attend this trip. You will be asked to provide your emergency contact details and any relevant medical information. If a deposit, or full payment, is required this will also need to be paid at the time.

If you have not already activated your ParentPay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at finance@wildern.org.

If you would like your child to attend this trip, please complete the online Parentpay medical and consent section accompanied by a payment of £150.00 by Friday 31 May 2024.

Three further payments will be as follows:

£100.00 by 30 June 2024

£100.00 by 31 July 2024

£50.00 by 30 August 2024

There are 20 places available. In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on trips previously due to oversubscription, and will allocate any further places by drawing names out of a hat. In the event of a place not being allocated, any monies received will be returned.

When taking a trip we take as many students as possible within the constraints we are bound by. We have to consider venue restrictions, travel arrangements and the impact on the rest of the school when staff are taken out of their curriculum areas to support a trip. Staff running and supporting our school trips often do this outside of their working hours and do so voluntarily. As a school we work extremely hard to get this balance right for all parties involved.

Teachers accompanying residential visits carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care particularly when travelling abroad. The Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to withdraw students from the trip at any time should a student's attitude or behaviour not meet our expectations as a school. The Senior Leadership team will also consider whether allowing a student on a trip will cause concern with regards to safeguarding for them, other students or staff, and will make a decision based on this should it be necessary.

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

Yours sincerely

Mr T Russell

Director of Learning - MFL



