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Dear Parents/ Guardians

German Exchange 2017

I am pleased to inform you that the annual German Exchange between Chiltern Edge and the Staatliche Gesamtschule Hollfeld, in Bavaria will take place in April and July 2017.

Hollfeld is a small town situated in beautiful countryside about 40 miles North East of Nuremberg. The Gesamtschule is similar to Chiltern Edge but takes students from 11 – 18. This will be the 42nd exchange between the two schools: over the past years, hundreds of pupils have profited from this enriching experience.

In a slight change this year, the German students will visit us first from **23 - 30 April**. While they are here they will spend some days in school and some visiting places of interest in the area.

It is planned that our students will spend from **9 - 16 July** in Germany, staying with a German family, enjoying a similar programme of activities.

We plan to travel to Germany by air and the cost should not exceed £395.00 per person. I would like to book the seats as soon as possible, before they go up in price, so would like firm numbers by 21 October 2016 – ideally we need a group of 15 students to make the trip viable. The trip is open to all Year 9 and 10 pupils, who are currently studying German.

It is hoped that as many students as possible will be able to take part in this great experience and learn at first hand much more than can be taught in a classroom. Through this exchange, students grow in confidence, improve their language skills and learn about the culture of their partner's country.

The cost will have to be met by voluntary contributions from parents. If we have insufficient numbers, the trip will not be able to go ahead. Please contact the Business Manager as soon as possible if you are in receipt of Income Support or might require financial assistance. This cannot be organised retrospectively.

If you would like your son/ daughter to take part in the exchange, please log into www.schoolgateway.com to give consent and pay a £20.00 non-refundable deposit, **by 21 October 2016**. Please do not send in cash or cheques. Should you have any difficulty in logging into the Gateway, please contact Reception.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Lewis
Exchange Organiser

