

German Pupil Courses

Apply now and spend two fantastic weeks in Germany this summer!

It has been an amazing two weeks and I am so glad that I came. I genuinely feel I have made lasting friendships and really hope that my host partner will come to England and I will go back to Germany.

Alison, Surrey

This has been the greatest experience of my life. This course has given me the urge to study my German further and I hope one day to become fluent in the language.

Andrew, Northern Ireland

About the courses

The German Pupil Courses are a great opportunity for you to experience Germany, its culture, language and lifestyle first hand. We offer three courses for 12 pupils each in three different German towns. If your application is successful, you will be travelling to Germany for two weeks in August together with 11 other course participants and a UK group leader. You will be living with a German host family and your stay will be packed with lots of lessons and activities. Here is an overview of what the programme will include:

Daily lessons in a German school

You will attend lessons for 2 – 3 hours a day learning about German language and culture. You will also take part in lessons with German pupils covering a wider range of subjects and experience German school life, as well as will actively participating in a joint interactive discussion session with German peers on a topic of mutual interest.

Excursions and visits

Together with the other participants and your group leader, you will be visiting various places in Germany. While this years' exact programmes are still to be confirmed, previous programmes provide an idea of what it will be like: Participants stayed in one town, while also going on day excursions to cities like Berlin, Cologne or Bonn. Other visits included Bergen Belsen, a chocolate museum, theatre workshops or the theme park 'Phantasialand' and much more!

Joint activities and family life

A variety of fun activities will be organised for your group. Activities on previous courses have included a BBQ, sporting activities and joint projects with German pupils. You will also have enough free time to spend with your host family experiencing daily life in Germany, as well as with your new British and German friends to visit Eiscafes, go to the swimming pool, a football match or the cinema!

You can apply if you are...

...in year 12 (England, Wales) / year 13 (Northern Ireland) / S5 (Scotland) and have been learning German for at least 2 years (*course option 1*)

... in year 10 (England, Wales) / year 11 (Northern Ireland) / S3 (Scotland) and have been learning German for at least one year (*course option 2*)

...a UK citizen and EU passport holder

Who will be my group leader?

Your group will be accompanied during your time in Germany by a group leader, who is a teacher from a UK school. The group leader is responsible for the welfare of your group during your stay in co-operation with the German organiser, and is also responsible for accompanying your group to and from Germany. Along with teachers from the German school, they will also be taking some of your lessons.

What do we expect from you?

Active participation in all elements of the course

We expect full and active participation from you in the entire course programme. This includes lessons, excursions and activities, as well as a joint interactive session during the course, which gives you the chance to discuss a current topic with German pupils. The outcomes of the session will be published on the UK-German Connection website. Previous topics included a debate on British and German politics and a discussion on the influence of media. The results of these projects can be viewed at www.ukgermanconnection.org/gpc09project

Primary school project

Before the start of the course you will need to contact a local primary school for which you will prepare a short presentation during your time in Germany. After the course, you should carry out the presentation and share your experiences with the primary pupils. This is an excellent opportunity to help younger pupils to increase their linguistic and intercultural understanding and increase their interest in Germany. On completion of your presentation, you should provide us with brief feedback on the outcomes. Former participants have found this experience to be very beneficial and we have received a lot of positive feedback. To view a summary of their reports, please visit the following page: www.ukgermanconnection.org/gpc09primary

Report

On returning to the UK, participants are required to send us a report of around 300 words which will be published on our website. It should include highlights of your time in Germany and be written in German. Potential applicants find these reports particularly interesting, as it gives them an idea of what to expect on the courses.

Spread the word in school

Participants should also tell others in their own school about their experiences, for example giving a talk in an assembly or writing an article for the school magazine.

How much does it cost?

The courses are part-funded by the German government through the Pädagogischer Austauschdienst (PAD) which includes accommodation, full board, local transport and excursions. Participants are required to pay **£250** to cover travel between London and the course centre, insurance and teachers' costs. Participants are also responsible for the cost of domestic travel to a London airport and pocket money.

How to apply

Details about the application procedure and the application forms are available on the UK-German Connection website: www.ukgermanconnection.org/gpc. Information about the health and safety measures in place on the courses is also available from here.

The application deadline is **Monday, 8 March 2010**

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