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Dear Parent/Carer

German Exchange 2027

Incoming exchange students to Backwell School: Friday 09 to Friday 16 April 2027
(note: inset day is Monday 12 April)

Outgoing visit to Freising, Germany: Sunday 11 to Sunday 18 July 2027

Thank you for your patience while we have been securing flights and finalising the finances.

The cost of the flight went up slightly whilst we were gathering funds, and the numbers of students attending also changed slightly, so there is unfortunately an additional of £40 to add the cost of the trip. The confirmed total will be £595 and the payment schedule is outlined below:

Date	**Total Amount = £595**
21 October 2026	£300 - Non-refundable deposit - PAID
21 November 2026	£150 - Non-refundable deposit
21 January 2027	£145 - Balancing payment

Payments should be made via www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system. If you have any problems accessing the service, or you wish to discuss payments, please contact the Finance Team at finance@backwellschool.net.

Documents and information required ahead of the German Exchange

Student Essential Information

Please see the link for the Student's Essential Information Form (EV5) which is required for all residential trips:

German Exchange 2027 - Student Essential Information (EV5 form) – Fill in form

Please also provide copies of the below to Student Services – studentservices@backwellschool.net:

- Student's passport
- Student's GHIC card

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Passport and Health Insurance

Your child will need to have a valid passport for travel in July 2027. **Guidance has been issued that British passports ought to have a minimum of 3 months' validity (from return date)** to meet the entry requirements for the European Union. Please ensure that you follow any national travel guidelines in the lead-up to the trip, including any visa requirements that may apply.
Entry requirements information can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/germany/entry-requirements

We are also advising students to apply for, and travel with, a valid Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) as this can be helpful should the need arise to access medical services while away. This can be applied for via the NHS. The school's travel insurance will continue to give access to the full range of emergency medical services.

Please note it is parents' responsibility to ensure passport requirements, and any visas, are met for travel.

Next steps

We will be in contact later in the year to request documents to start the DBS process for hosting.

Please email copies of the below to Student Services at studentservices@backwellschool.net as soon as possible:

- **Student's passport**
- **Student's GHIC card**

Please also complete the Student Essential Information form via the link, below:

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Later in the year we will hold a parents' information meeting to discuss arrangements for the visit of the German party to Backwell. There will be a second meeting in the summer to discuss the return journey to Germany. It would be helpful for me to have an idea of the sort of queries you might have, so please feel free to drop me a note at calabiso@backwellschool.net in advance of the meetings, as I may need to make some enquiries on your behalf.

Kind regards

Mrs Alabiso