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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

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Feb 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Ref: Year 12, Swedish Exchange

As part of the school's international programme, we have an opportunity for Sixth Form students to be involved in our successful exchange programme with a school called Vasaskolan, which is a Sixth Form college in Gävle. Gävle is a town of approximately 80,000 inhabitants and is situated just two hours north of Stockholm.

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in being part of the Swedish Exchange. 10 Swedish students and 2 teachers from Vasaskolan will arrive in East Grinstead on **Sunday 2nd June** and stay for 6 days. During the week the Swedish students will spend a day in school and participate in 4 day trips. Your son/daughter will have the opportunity of being involved in these trips and specific details will follow at a later date.

The return trip to Sweden will be in late September/early October, where students will participate in work shadowing, which is often far more 'hands on' than is available here. This exchange provides students with something unique to include on their personal statements and has been well received by universities. In the past, students have undertaken placements with organisations such as a cat rescue centre, a dentist, a hospital laboratory, the police, Ericsson, primary schools, nursery schools, a local newspaper, a local football club and even a nearby zoo.

The total cost of the return trip will be approximately £320; the exact cost will be confirmed nearer the time. Unfortunately, it is impossible to price the trip exactly at this early stage as we need to be sure of exact student numbers to ensure lower group rates; transport costs are not fixed so we also have to consider the uncertainty of the pound which will have a bearing on the overall cost. This part of the exchange has limited spaces available so will be allocated by selecting slips at random; this we believe is the fairest system allowing all students an equal chance of attending the trip/activity, with the *exception* that students who hosted Swedish students will have priority. Full details of the return trip will be sent out in the summer term.

The Swedish students visiting in June will be our hosts on the exchange in September/October. This means that it can only happen if we can find enough Imberhorne hosts in June. The Swedish students need accommodation from the evening of **Sunday 2nd June** until the morning of **Saturday 8th June**. In the past they have been charming and very easy going with fantastic English; mattresses on floors or shared rooms are perfectly acceptable.

If you are able to host, please complete the attached form and the 'ImberB&B' information sheet – this will make the process matching hosts and the Swedish students a lot easier.

The exchange is an excellent opportunity and I hope your son/daughter is able to participate.

Yours faithfully

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Please complete and return the attached to Miss Singleton 27th February 2019.



Sixth Form Cultural and Work Experience Exchange to Sweden
Hosting Swedish Students

I give permission for my son/daughter:

Name _____ **Year/Form** _____

to attend the Swedish exchange trip and understand that returning this slip **does not guarantee** a place on the trip.

Please delete as appropriate:

Yes, I can host _____ (number) Swedish student(s), for _____ (number & date) nights.

Sorry, we can't accommodate a Swedish student

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October 2019 Work Shadowing

The type of work shadowing my son/daughter is interested in is: (please list either jobs or subject areas)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer) **Date** _____