



27th November 2020

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s)

Our school and Elizabeth College have been contacted by our partner school the *Gymnasium Brückmühl* in Bavaria to ask if any of our students in Upper Four and Lower Five would be interested in a 'pen friend'.

Over the years, we have established a strong link with the school in Bavaria and our exchange programme has always been successful. Due to the restrictions of Covid-19 we feel that our students in Upper Four and Lower Five are missing this wonderful opportunity to practise their language skills with native speakers of their own age and to learn about German teen culture.

We strongly believe that corresponding with foreign students is extremely beneficial, as it will help students on their journey to become independent learners and build their confidence in the subject.

We are told that their students in "den Klassen 8 und 9" (Year 9s & 10s) are very keen on improving their English skills and incredibly grateful for the opportunity to make new friends.

Once paired-up with their pen friends, girls will be able to communicate via letters or the internet to get to know each other. This communication provides a fantastic opportunity for your daughter to practise the language. This may lead to families visiting one another and, in the best of outcomes, to an individual exchange in the future.

Please indicate on the attached form whether your daughter can have a pen friend. Your daughter will then complete the second form which includes some details of interest. Mr Buxot will pair his students with ours when he is in receipt of the forms.

Please discuss with your daughter whether she can use email and/or social media to correspond with her pen friend. We advise that school email addresses should be used for this correspondence. Should you decide to allow your daughter to correspond with her pen friend using social media, you are reminded that an age-appropriate platform should be used.

Please return the two forms to the reception office by 11th December 2020

Yours sincerely,

Kathrin Elders
MFL Department



German pen pal correspondence:

(please tick the appropriate option)

Student's Name: _____

is allowed to have a German pen pal

is not allowed to have a German pen pal

Parent's signature: _____

Please return to the reception by 11th December 2020