

UK-German Connection summer programmes

Guidance for teachers

This guidance sheet is provided to give teachers a quick-access overview of UK-German Connection's main summer programmes for pupils, and to help you make decisions about which pupils to put forward for them.

- German Pupil Courses (page 1)
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It also contains useful information about the application process. Please read it carefully before writing references and making recommendations, and contact us if you have any questions:
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German Pupil Courses

**School years: Year 12 (Eng/Wal), S5 (Scotland), Year 13 (Northern Ireland) – Course Option 1
Year 10 (Eng/Wal), S3 (Scotland), Year 11 (Northern Ireland) – Course Option 2**

The German Pupil Courses are two-week language and culture courses which take place in July or August. There are three courses for 12 pupils, each in a different location in Germany.

Who is this programme intended for?

These courses are for pupils with a very good level of German, with a high level of interest in the language and culture, and very good social and interpersonal skills. Participants take part in the course along with 11 other young people from the UK, and a UK group leader who is usually an experienced UK teacher. They live with a German host family for the two weeks, have lessons in school with both the UK and German teachers, and go on organised excursions. All participants are expected to undertake outreach and primary school ambassadorial activities.

This is an important government programme, part-funded by the German foreign office (participants pay £300 towards the costs), and 36 pupils from the UK are selected each year. In order to apply, candidates must complete an online application form stating their motivation to take part.

Programme information: www.ukgermanconnection.org/gpc

Application process

Pupils (applicants)

Pupils must read all the information on the programme page and the application guidelines (linked to from the programme page) very carefully before you start the application process. Pupils submit their **application online** and are strongly advised to keep a copy of their application. When submitting their application, pupils confirm that their parents are aware and approve of their application.

This online application needs to be supported by a scanned copy, sent via email to pupilprogrammes@ukgermanconnection.org, of a recent, marked piece of **written work** e.g. coursework (first draft only, with the teacher's original corrections - not a redrafted, corrected version)

Teachers

Applicants will also require a **teacher's reference**. This needs to be emailed separately as an attachment to pupilprogrammes@ukgermanconnection.org and should not be submitted by the applicants themselves. Details for the reference and a downloadable form can be found at www.ukgermanconnection.org/gpcref. Please quote the reference number of your pupil's online application, the 'help' tab in the application system provides a visual guide to finding this.

German Scholarships Programme

School years: Year 12 (Eng/Wal), S5 (Scotland), Year 13 (Northern Ireland)

The German Scholarships Programme (Internationales Preisträgerprogramm) is a four-week programme which takes place in the summer, in various locations throughout Germany.

Who is this programme intended for?

This programme is for pupils with an exceptionally high level of German, and who have achieved excellent results. They also need to have a high level of interest in the language and culture, good general knowledge about Germany, as well as excellent social, interpersonal and team skills, and a certain level of independence and maturity. Participants should be comfortable with travelling through Germany for four weeks in a mixed international group. Two weeks of the four are spent in a German host family, with trips to major German cities taking place during the other two weeks. All participants are expected to undertake outreach and primary school ambassadorial activities.

This is a high-profile government programme, funded entirely by the German foreign ministry, and there are eight places for the UK each year. Participants are allocated to mixed international groups, usually of 12 young people, with two participants each from different countries. The groups are led by trained and experienced group leaders who are selected by the Pädagogischer Austauschdienst, our German partner organisation. In order to apply, candidates must write an essay in German as well as completing an online application form.

Programme information: www.ukgermanconnection.org/scholarships

Application process

Pupils (applicants)

Pupils must read all the information on the programme page and the application guidelines (linked to from the programme page) very carefully before you start the application process. Pupils submit their **application online** and are strongly advised to keep a copy of their application. When submitting their application, pupils confirm that their parents are aware and approve of their application.

This online application needs to be supported by two separate documents emailed as attachments to pupilprogrammes@ukgermanconnection.org.

- 1) The **essay** should be attached as a Word or Rich Text Format document.
- 2) A recent, marked piece of **written work**, e.g. coursework, should also be scanned and sent in PDF or JPEG format (first draft only, with the teacher's original corrections - not a redrafted, corrected version)

Teachers

Applicants will also require a **teacher's reference**. This needs to be emailed separately as an attachment to pupilprogrammes@ukgermanconnection.org and should not be submitted by the applicants themselves. Details for the reference and a downloadable form can be found at www.ukgermanconnection.org/scholarshipsref. Please quote the reference number of your pupil's online application, the 'help' tab in the application system provides a visual guide to finding this.