



# 2022 German exchange

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The 2022 German exchange was once again a resounding success. 21 GCSE German students in years 10 and 11 travelled to Munich in late June to enjoy five days with their German host families.

The program was action-packed for all and included a tour of Munich, a visit to a traditional beer garden, the Munich Olympic Park and a morning following lessons at our Partner School, Feodor Lynen Gymnasium in Planegg, south of Munich.

During the weekend, DGS students spent time with their German exchange partners and host families, making the most of the beautiful weather and surroundings. Activities included mountain hikes, paddle boarding, visiting historic castles and museums, visiting summer Festivals, and even seeing the latest Minions film – in German!

Another highlight for most was the German food on offer, with Kaiserschmarn (a sweet Bavarian breakfast dish), Pretzels and of course German sausages among the favourites!

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We were overwhelmed by the hospitality and generosity of our German hosts. After such an unforgettable experience, we cannot wait to welcome our partner school to Didcot when they come for their return visit in late November 2022.





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I went to Tolwood Festival, a food and music festival, which was really brilliant! The amazing weather on Sunday meant we were able to take a dip in Lake Starnberg, as well as exploring the city of Munich on Saturday and enjoying a large plate of currywurst! Laura M

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I loved cycling around Munich as you get an impression of the history and culture. My favourite thing was waking up the St. Peter's church tower and getting amazing views! Annaliese



The exchange was such a fun, enriching and exciting experience for me. Most of all, I've loved spending time watching movies, chatting and site seeing with my partner, Sophia, and we've become quite close between her visit in 2019 and the laughter and many games of UNO over the last weekend- I've definitely made a lifelong friend.

My favourite part was our trip on Friday to the Cinema to see the new Minions film- in German!! (It was pretty satisfying to understand most of it) It was lovely getting to know my host family- especially when we spent a very hot day at the beautiful lake Starnberg. I'll never forget this trip. Sydnie







For me, the best part of the exchange was seeing how different life was in Germany, from driving on the other side of the road to eating lots of bread rolls 🥰. The best thing I did on the trip has got to be going to Lake Starnberg; the views were amazing! I also really enjoyed climbing all 295 steps to the top of St. Peter's tower as from the top you could see for miles and seeing the Munich skyline is a memory I shall keep forever. Kasey



My favourite part of the exchange was going hiking and we went up on a chair lift and then down on the Sommerrodelbahnen, which was so fun. I really enjoyed being with Sofia and her family!













I enjoyed the exchange and learnt a lot about culture and Germany whilst having fun.

My favourite thing about the exchange was when I visited Landsberg and ate lunch by the river. Emilia

I enjoyed going to the Tollwood festival where I saw many pretty stalls and listened to live music. I also enjoyed going to lake Starnberg (despite getting quite sun burnt) and trying spaghetti ice cream as well as pretzels. Eleanor





I liked the exchange because I could try new foods and immerse myself in the culture, I found the amount of people that cycle around Munich really surprising! It was a good trip because I got to see so many tourist attractions and learn lots of new things.

My favourite thing was spending the day at Lake Starnberg, the view of the mountains was amazing! I loved paddle boarding on the water with Kasey and Nati, even though Kasey and I capsized within 2 minutes of heading out on the lake! Apart from the sunburn it was a day well spent in the sunshine



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